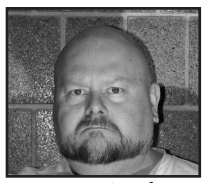
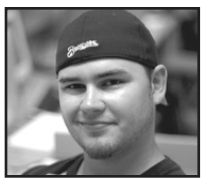
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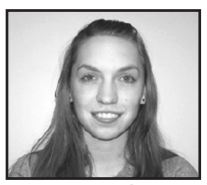



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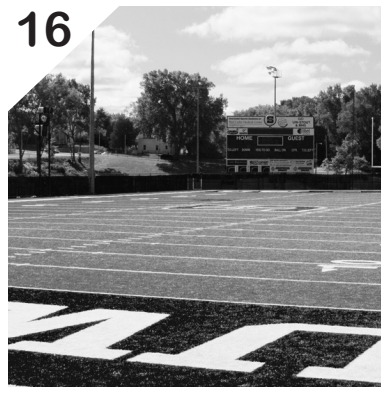
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The bus is back in town



Patrick Schiappa
Staff Writer

After a four-year absence, intercity bus service has returned to Menomonie, and the stop is right at the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Memorial Student Center. Jefferson Bus Lines, in keeping with the green theme, now offers two hybrid buses.

"Since Greyhound cancelled a similar route four years ago, we have had numerous requests from people living in Menomonie, Eau Claire and Wausau to start a bus service. People need an easy, convenient way to travel," said Bonnie Buchanan, vice president of Jefferson Bus Lines.

According to Buchanan, the line runs with two new coaches. The MCI-D4505 buses operate on clean diesel fuel, an EPA-mandated technology that reduces soot by as much as 90%. The sides of the buses have the statement, "Save green, be green, jump on Jefferson Lines."

Andy Schnell, a junior in dietetics, said that he liked the idea of the bus, but when he found out the cost of the fares, said that he thought it was too expensive.

Buchanan stated that the company has now developed a discounted monthly pass that would serve reverse commuters well. The cost would be $199 and would be usable to travel between the Cities, Hudson, Menomonie and Eau Claire. "The pass will be made available for online purchase beginning October 1 if there are no unforeseen problems," said Buchanan.

Schnell also liked the idea of a pass, but he does not travel frequently and said, "The bus would be more practical for commuters or people who drive frequently from the Cities once the pass is implemented. However, it is a good service for students who have no vehicles."

Tou Yia Xiong, a junior in multimedia design, said that he would definitely ride the bus. Xiong said, "I don't have a car. I think the fare is a good deal. This is a green campus and it would be great to ride a green bus. The only downside is that the schedule is set so it is impossible to visit the Cities and return in the same day."

Kao Lee Yang, a sophomore in psychology, said that not being able to return in the same day does not pose a problem for her. Yang said, "This is exciting. When I visit the Cities, I like to stay overnight anyways."

The bus departs on the 10th Avenue side of the Memorial Student Center at 9:40 am going east and at 6:15 p.m. for its westbound route. Student fares from UW-Stout are as follows: to Minneapolis, $21.40; St. Paul, $17.60; Wausau, $30.18; Green Bay, $45.90, and Milwaukee, $60.78. These fares are current as of the writing of this article, but Buchanan did warn because of fluctuating gas prices, the fares may fluctuate as well. However, the cost of the pass is expected to remain the same for the time being. Discounts are currently available for the trips for both Green Bay and Milwaukee with a ticket purchased seven days or more in advance at www.jeffersonlines.com.

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Bus stop locations

- Minneapolis
- University of Minnesota
- St. Paul
- Menomonie
- Eau Claire
- Chippewa Falls
- Stanley
- Abbotsford
- Wausau
- Wittenburg
- Shawano
- Green Bay
- Manitowoc
- Sheboygan
- Milwaukee

New movie rental station in the MSC

Stoutonia staff

You may have noticed that there's a new, giant box in the Memorial Student Center.

Through the UW System, bids were taken for DVD kiosk services. Companies who were interested gave prices for the machine.

The MSC did not buy the machine. With the assistance of the UW System Office of Procurement, the University of Wisconsin -Stout wrote bid specs for DVD kiosk services and then posted a "request for bids" document. Interested companies were invited to read the bid specs and then asked to submit a bid by June 26, 2008.

"Mosquito Productions, a Minnesota-based company won the contract to provide DVD kiosk services in the MSC. We provide the space, an electrical outlet and an internet connection," said Darrin Witucki, the Assistant Manager of the MSC.

Great. So how does it work?

"The machine is a high capacity DVD kiosk that can hold up to 2000 individual discs. You will find that there is a great selection of new releases, classics, independent films and video games," stated Witucki. He also added that the DVD selection will be updated every Tuesday.

To purchase a movie, you must use a debit or credit card. Flexline isn't accepted yet, but it is being looked at as a possibility for payment. StoutOne accounts do work, though.

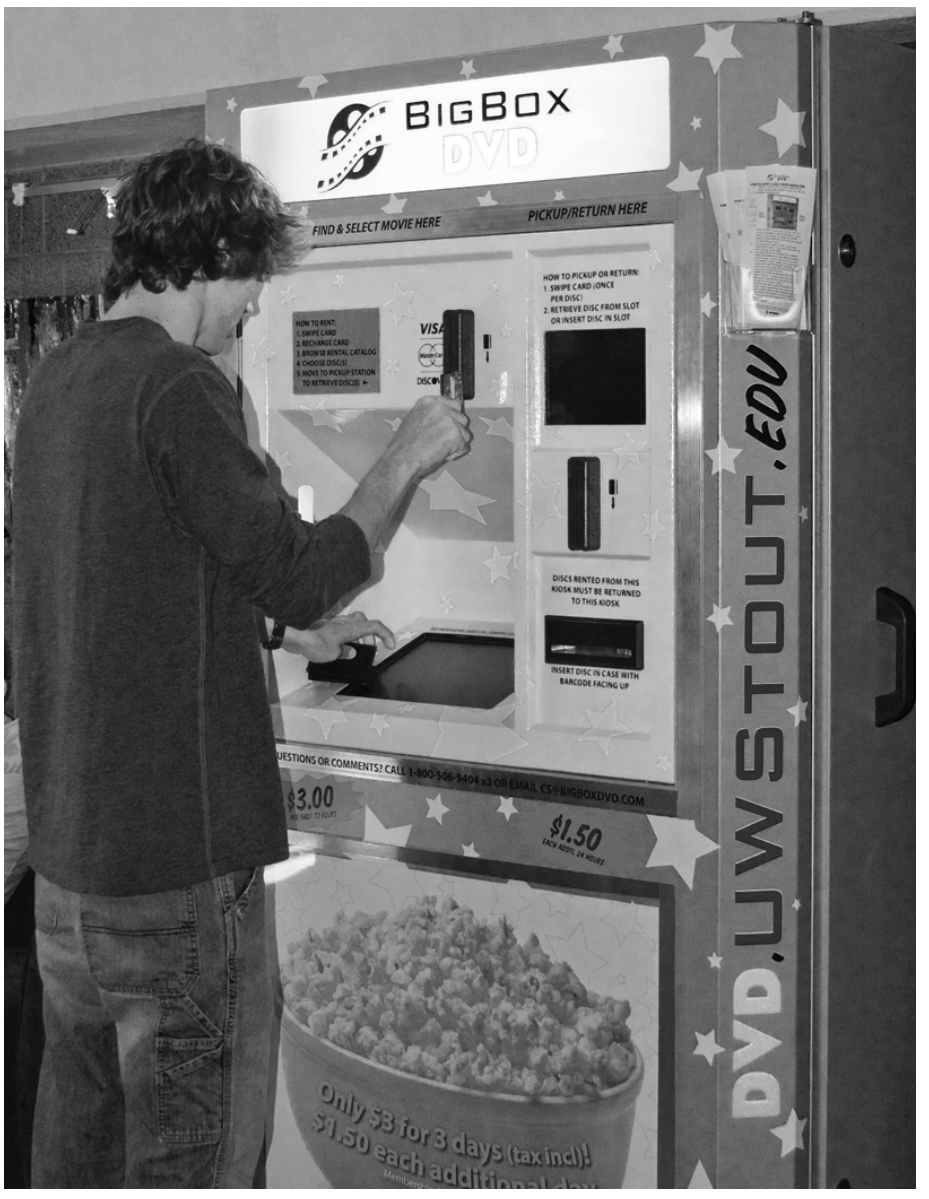
"When you swipe your credit or debit card you are basically setting up an account. You make your selections and the machine dispenses your DVD rentals. When you return the movies, you swipe your card again to let the machine know it is you and you are returning the movie," said Witucki.

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> —*Darrin Witucki*

When you swipe your card, it reads how long you had the movie out for. Three dollars gives you 72 hours to keep the movie out. If it's returned late, the kiosk will automatically charge your card $1.50 for every 24 hours it's late.

"I'm sure students, staff, and the general public will...take advantage of the BigBox DVD kiosk on a regular basis," added Witucki.

If you'd like more information on the DVD kiosks, email Darrin Witucki at: wituckid@uwstout.edu



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia
A student selecting and purchasing a DVD from the BigBox DVD machine, next to the Pawn in the MSC.



Photo submitted by Dana Sumnicht

Campus construction

Jarvis Hall, MSC, and Price Commons get a face lift

Stoutonia staff

After we all had left last June, the first shovels dug out what soon will be a bigger Jarvis Hall. The new science wing will hold science classrooms as well as spaces for research, mathematics, statistics, and computer science department.

The old classroom wing will be destroyed, with 66,400 square feet being remodeled as well as a three-story addition. The heating, air conditioning, electrical and telecommunications systems in the building will also be renovated.

The construction project, totaling $43.2 million, will be completed in August of 2010.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout isn't stopping at Jarvis. There are plans to renovate both the Memorial Student Center (MSC) and the Price Commons. Plans for the MSC hope to make the student organizations and other centers more visible to students.The renovation in the Price Commons will deal with the bottom floor only. The dining areas will be more accessible and easier for studens to use, have larger lounge spaces, and updated decor.

For more information on the renovation of the MSC and Price Commons, go to: http://www.uwstout.edu/studentcenter/projectplanning/overview.html

Realignment of the colleges and the new major

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

As returning students file into their classes this fall and freshman meet their professors for the first time, they are greeted by something new and exciting on campus. Along with its countless majors, minors and programs, UW-Stout is now offering a new course for those students looking to pursue a career in computer engineering. This new major has been a long time coming and will be included in the new college of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at UW-Stout.

"We have done our homework," UW-Stout Provost Julie Furst-Bowe stated in the article UW-Stout receives unanimous approval to launch computer engineering degree published last month. As she spoke to the Education Committee, she explained the demand for computer engineers and stated, "There are a lot of employers interested in this program."

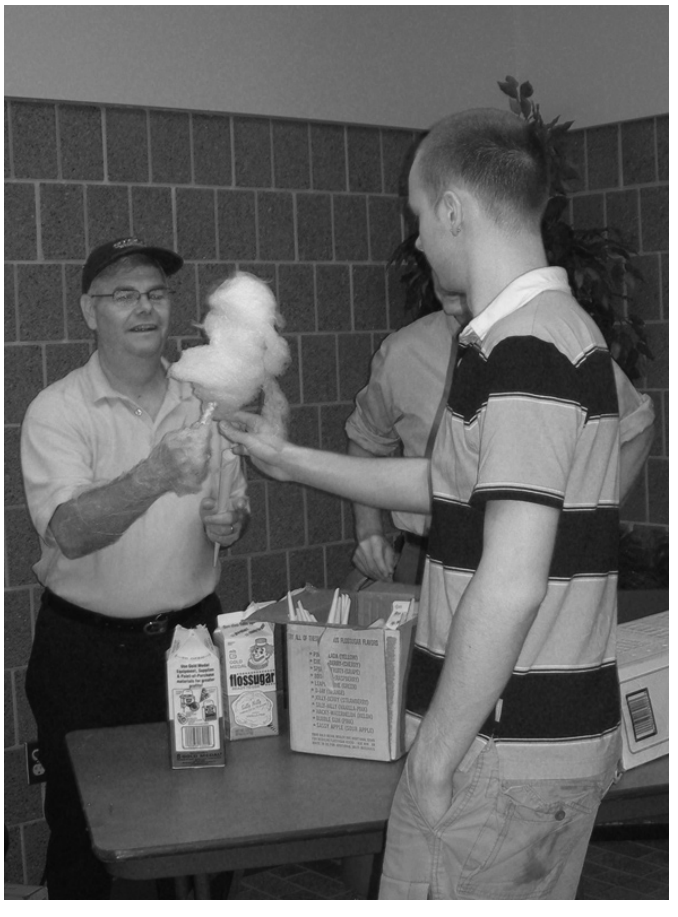
The major will focus on designing of hardware for engineering systems that use certain types of processors. The creators estimate that the major will have 30 graduates by its sixth year. The program begins with just two professors, hoping for a third one soon.

With the development of this new program, local politicians, professors and Wisconsin-based businesses alike all hope to obtain more incoming students interested in the field as well as keep them from going to other top-engineering schools like those in the Minnesota universities.

"This is a logical extension of our engineering effort and clearly is an essential part of our mission to serve this region of the state," said Charles Sorensen, UW-Stout chancellor in the article UW-Stout looks to add computer engineering degree. "We will produce top-notch computer engineering graduates who will contribute greatly to the economy of our part of the state and the rest of Wisconsin." It is with this goal in mind that leaders and professors at the university and others in the area hope to begin the expansion of the college and the major itself.



Backyard Bash gets brought inside





Fearing the rain, the Backyard Bash moved inside the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday, Sept. 2. The Backyard Bash is an annual event giving students an opportunity to mix and mingle with returning and new students while promoting student organizations and gaining new members.

The original plans included inflatable's and live music, but the weather kept the bands away.

With over 100 University of Wisconsin-Stout student organizations being represented, the hallways of the MSC got a little crowed, right. Organizations lined the hallways with members behind their tables giving out candy and other bling in an attempt to draw students' interests to the organization and get them to join.

Student Life administration was also there to give out nachos, corn dogs and cotton candy, left.

Photos by Dana Sumnicht

State Treasurer visits for Grandparents' Day

Stoutonia staff

State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass and Senator Sheila Harsdorf will visit Menomonie tomorrow. She will be meeting with grandparents and their families to talk about the importance of saving for college. "We all know that grandparents want the best future for their grandchildren…One of the best ways they can achieve this is by ensuring their grandchildren have access to higher education," said Treasurer Sass.

The treasurer is visitng sites across the state with other legislators to talk to families about saving for their children's higher education during College Savings Month.

Wisconsin's official College Savings program, *EdVest*, is run by the Treasurer's office. This program allows grandparents to open accounts and start savings for their grandchildren's college expenses. Grandparents with accounts can then deduct $3,000 per child from their taxable income, and also can get other benefits.

The money can be used for most education expenses such as tuition, room and board, and books. It can also be used for almost all colleges, universities, vocational schools, and even graduate schools in the United States; but also for some schools abroad.

Accounts can be opened online or by phone.

"Our state's saving program can help make this dream a reality," said Treasurer Sass.

When
Friday, September 5th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Where
The Oaks Main Dining Room
1320 12th Ave East, Menomonie

For more information, or to get your grandparents to sign up, go to:
www.edvest.com.

EdVest is:
- 13th largest college saving program in the nation
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- 240,000 accounts

Last April's Student Deaths

Travis Shipman
Staff Writer

This summer, the toxicology reports for the three victims of last April's fire was released."The report shows that all of the victims were intoxicated at the time of the fire, which may have contributed to their deaths," said the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Charles Sorensen, in his response to the toxicology reports. He stresses that although UW-Stout already has a good program in place for decreasing alcohol abuse, it still is an issue on campus.

It was also determined that the fire started on a love seat in the duplex's living room. The Menomonie police and fire departments found used cigarettes in the living room, but could not determine if they were what started the fire.

Stout was aware of the risk of fire even before this tragedy. Jim Uhlir, Jr., the Executive Directorof Health and Safety here at Stout, noted that before Christmas last year there was an off-campus outreach to demonstrate fire safety which is planned for this year, also. Staff and RA's of the dorms go through fire safety training, also.

"A void exists in the lives of many in the UW-Stout community. They were part of the fabric of this university; they interacted with and touched the lives of so many, and now they are gone," remarked Sorensen in his statement.

In memory of Paul M. Tonn

Travis Shipman
Staff Writer

Paul M. Tonn, 23, of Clear Lake, Wisconsin, died on Sunday, July 27, 2008 in the early morning from injuries sustained in a car accident. He was a senior in the golf enterprise management program and was doing a co-op at a golf club in Virginia.

His car ran a stop sign, went down an embankment and he was ejected from the car. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister. The visitation was held in Clear Lake, WI at the United Covenant Church on Friday, August 1, followed by the wake on Saturday, Aug 2.

Organization Spotlight

Get your organization seen in the Stoutonia.

A new feature this year will highlight Stout organizations and their unique contribution they have on student life. Send a short description of the organization along with any planned events to stoutonia@uwstout.edu and we'll put your organization in the spotlight.

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What Floor are you on?

Tiffany Willits
Staff Writer

"Hi, welcome to Stout! What floor are you on?"

These were the words repeatedly spoken by the typical roadie who helped the freshmen and other students move onto campus. Move-in day occurred on Monday, Sept. 1 and was as hectic as usual. Cars, trucks, vans and trailers constantly pulled into parking spaces and rolled down the street. Making the University of Wisconsin-Stout a welcoming place was what the mission was all about, so that's why roadie helped out on the big move-in day.

What is a roadie, you may ask? It's a paid position that requires a lot of patience and cooperation, as well as a lot of strength. There are perks of being a roadie. They receive free t-shirts, a complimentary breakfast and even a small lunch break at your convenience (an unspoken plus is gaining muscles in your calves and arms). I had the pleasure of being a roadie and I found the experience have both good and bad points.

Getting up at seven for breakfast and moving in everyone's stuff wasn't the best feeling, but knowing that you are helping others was a great feeling. Move-in day happened from anytime between 7 a.m. all the way until 6 p.m. Eleven hours is a lot of hours to be paid $50, but money is money.

When cars pulled up to the halls, they were directed to unload all their items onto the grass and then move their cars while roadies assisted in bringing the student's personal belongings to each designated room. If a roadie was lucky, they would be helping a student that had a room on first floor, but since there are only so many rooms on first floor, after a while it never failed that everyone was on 3rd and 4th. Personally, I enjoyed the light packers who only brought what they needed, and was not in favor of people who decided to pack their entire household. Walking up four flights of stairs did get tiring, especially when bags were bigger than me.

My opinion for anyone who considers being a roadie for next year is to consider whether or not they have patience and are willing to cooperate with other people. I believe that a roadie position should be broken up into two shifts, a morning and afternoon position, to prevent exhaustion and repetitiveness. The 11 hour shifts are definitely something that needs to be taken into consideration by any prospective roadie.

Sunscreen, granola bars and water were handed out, but those may not be enough perks to make someone want to become a roadie. The option is open for most students, it just depends on how willing one is.

While the football players did help out as well, they volunteered and did not get paid. I even heard one player tell his coach, "I would rather have two-a-days over this any day!" While being a roadie, you do break a sweat, but knowing that you helped student's bring their items to their rooms in two trips rather than 10 is something that makes you feel good in the long run, as does thinking about all of the muscle mass you've gained.



Photo contributed by UW-Stout Housing

Freshmen: Earn Your Free Perks Already

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

Apparently, the evening of September 3 played host to the annual event of "Meet Menomonie." I heard nothing of this. Absolutely nothing. Campus Life, with their daily emails that tell me about everything that is anything, was silent on this matter. Today's email mentioned golf, men's rugby, a "game night" and I don't remember what else, but I know that there was no mention of "Meet Menomonie."

I'm bitter. I feel let down. I'm angry, so let me bitch. Anyone who has talked to me for more than 30 seconds this past week has told me to shut up about "Meet Menomonie" already, but I couldn't. How could I, with its free samples of pizza and ice cream and cake and ramen and everything good, plus overflowing bagfuls of coupons and other free useless stuff I'd have earned by the end of the night?

But no. I am sitting here, completely surrounded by no pizza and ice cream, without even one damn "five for the price of one" ramen coupon to my name. I am not happy.

And I don't know who to blame. Some people – clearly in a futile attempt to shut me up – have said that it's for freshmen only, so of course this sophomore would be excluded. If that's true, I don't want to hear of it. Why the discrimination, UW-Stout? The upperclassmen are just as – maybe more so – deserving of free stuff as the freshmen. What have freshmen ever done for anyone at Stout, anyways? I can't think of anything. They're great speed bumps, but aside from that… nothing.

In short, give me some free shit too, Stout.

The Editor's Ear

Tony Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to another school year and another year of Stoutonia.

You've been talking and we've been listening. Through e-mail and online comments at www.stoutonia.com, we've taken suggestions from you, the reader. From those words of wisdom, we hope to mold the content to what you want to read. We'll remember the winter graduates, write stories about your buddies, get the right names with the pictures, have more meaningful opinion pieces and give away wonderful gifts like Cadillac Escalades, iPhones, Wild Turkey and fine, fine bling.

Well, maybe not all of that, but we will try to do our best to publish stories about UW-Stout students, organizations, staff and faculty that inform and entertain, opinions that make you think and more photographs of faces you know. We'll try to do it in a professional manner (as professional as overworked, sleep deprived college-aged students can be) and be as accurate as we can. But, we're human and learning, so give us a break if we slip on our grammar or spelling, or if we don't cover your event.

And we are listening. Got a story idea? Is your organization having an event? Do you know a student, staff or faculty member that has an interesting story or hobby? Tell us about it by e-mailing to stoutonia@uwstout.edu or drop us a line at www.stoutonia.com.

We'll listen. No, really–we'll listen…

Country music: it's just as bad as rap music...

Chris Becker
Copy Editor

So… there have been "Rock Against Bush" concerts and countless other musicians putting out albums against him, but when the Dixie Chicks said something against Bush and their loyalty to the US, why did the whole industry throw a fit? Why does country hide behind this veil of perfection? They all have some ideal image to portray - one in which they must own boots and a cowboy hat, apparently.

I don't know what the truth is, though. Maybe this is the only music America really has roots in, since the songs are often nationalistic or about tractors, or their family, or falling in love, or alcohol... but many of them rightfully promote the U.S.A. The fact is, if somebody wants to become a professional songwriter, one of the top three places they will consider is Nashville, where many, many country albums are cut. I dislike the fact that so many artists are just a pretty/handsome face with an interesting drawl, and so many of their songs are written FOR them. Let me state that fact again: MANY SONGS YOU HEAR ON THE RADIO WERE NOT WRITTEN BY ANYBODY ACTUALLY IN THE BAND. There are businesses that hire staff writers who write songs. What?! It's not your life if somebody else is writing your lines!

Big & Rich have taken the industry by storm with their voices and interesting songwriting, but it still doesn't cut it.

Rappers are often criticized for showing off their money and basically upholding an image. But that's the music industry! You think Marilyn Manson would be anywhere without an image like the one he has? FYI: free publicity is an artist's best friend. A lot of artists aren't necessarily that talented, but they get lucky... right place, right time, right image. It happens in every genre. We have all had a radio/TV jingle stuck in our head, and that's all a hook of a song is. It's a catchy composition of notes that gets stuck in your head. You can't help it. So when a rapper gets his hands on a hook like that, it doesn't matter what he writes, he's gonna sell! I do NOT promote bitch/ho/murder lyrics, that's not where I'm going with this. The same applies for country music, though, in many aspects. It doesn't matter if you're singing about how sexy your girlfriend thinks your tractor is, the fact of the matter is the song could say "she thinks my back hair's sexy," and as long as it sounds good and the general audience can relate on SOME level, it's gonna sell!

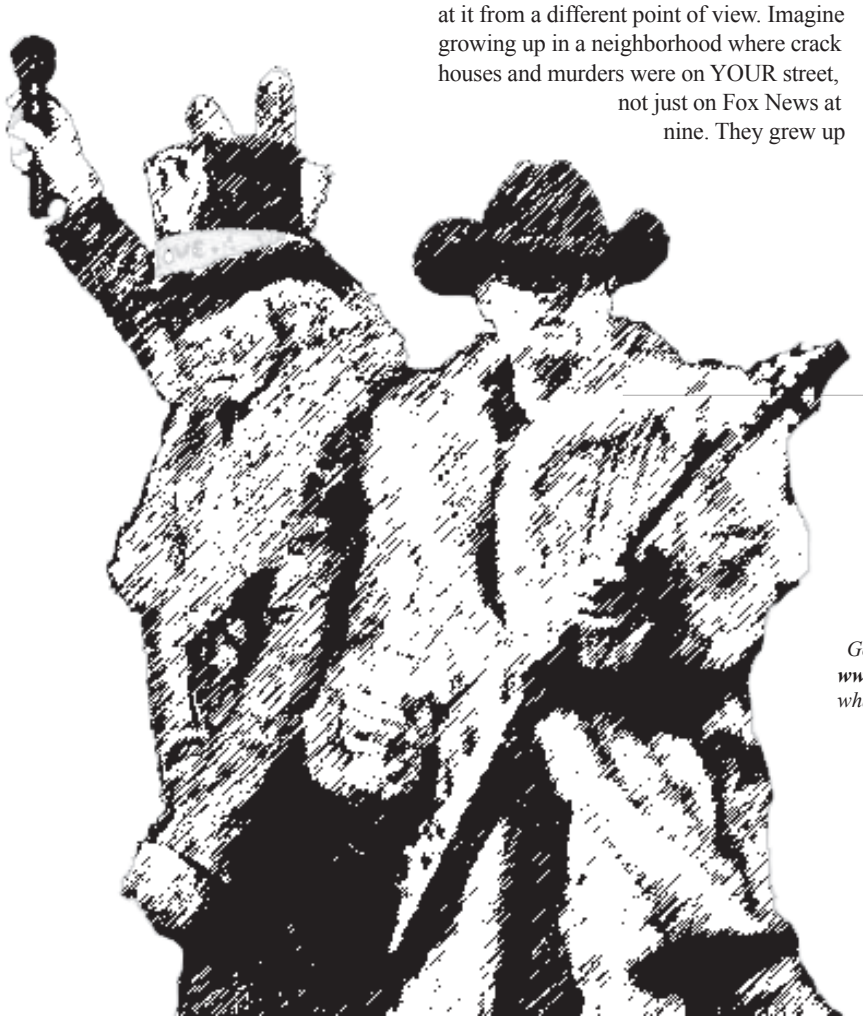
A lot of people - ignorant people - see rappers as just flaunting their money. Look at it from a different point of view. Imagine growing up in a neighborhood where crack houses and murders were on YOUR street, not just on Fox News at nine. They grew up seeing success in the form of cars, women, jewelry, clothing, etc. So it stands that a rap artist's nice car, expensive shoes, entourage and jewelry are just status symbols, little things that prove their success. It's society! It's psychology! How you were raised determines how you will live later in life. If you grew up in a house where your parents expressed love by buying you gifts, there's a very, VERY good chance that is how you learned to show love, too. If your parents said, "I love you," gave you hugs and kisses, or if they just had great communication, and that's how you were showed love, that is how YOU will show love. Talk to any psychology professor around, and they'll tell you how often this occurs. Transpose these facts to the lifestyle I mentioned a minute ago. They learned, by conditioning, that success is demonstrated by certain things, and in certain ways. That is how success is measured on the streets. Country musicians no doubt flaunt their success, but it isn't, in some points of view, to the "extremes" that rap artists take it. It's really influenced by how an individual was raised. You'll condemn a rap artist for being proud of his new car and chrome rims? That's like the girls out there being condemned for owning a Prada/Coach purse. We associate success on some level to these things. It's what we saw growing up!

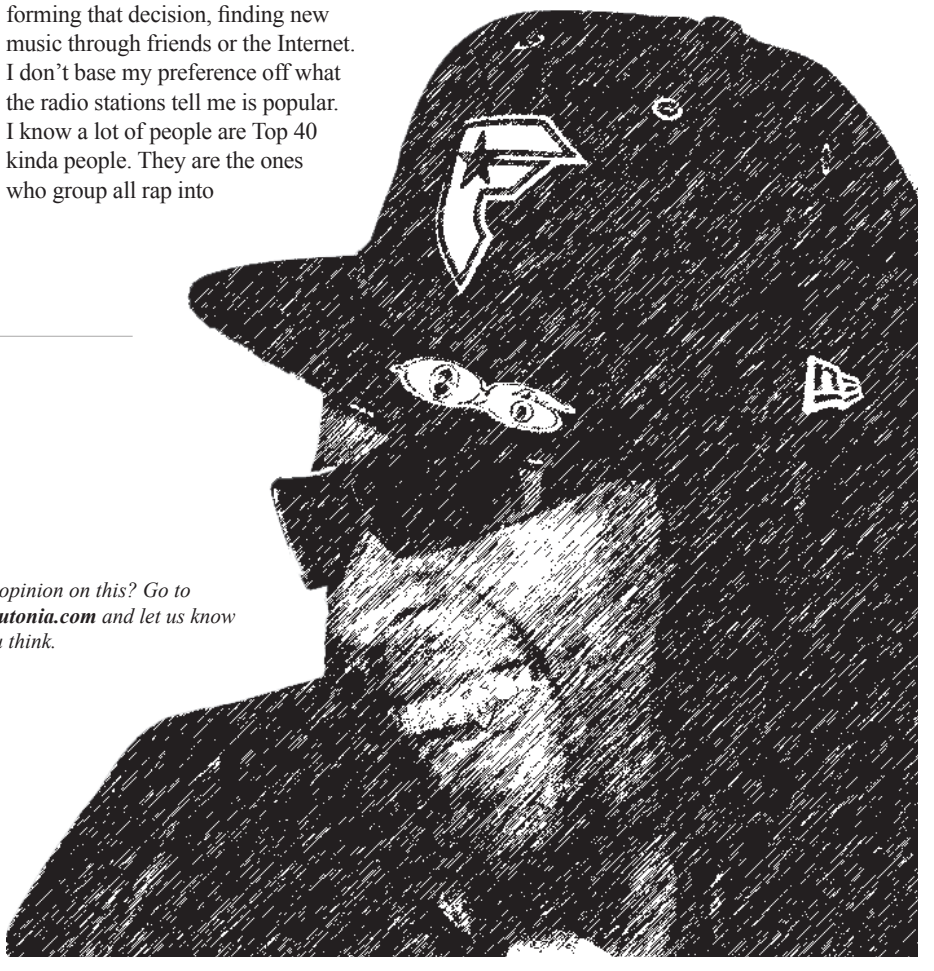
I don't condemn all country music. I know there are many things I dislike about certain subgenres, but I've spent years forming that decision, finding new music through friends or the Internet. I don't base my preference off what the radio stations tell me is popular. I know a lot of people are Top 40 kinda people. They are the ones who group all rap into Lil Jon "Aww Skeet Skeet Muh Fukkuh!" without bothering to listen to the other variations and subgenres of rap. That song doesn't come CLOSE to summing up rap. There are too many variations of rap to list, but I know you haven't given it a fighting chance if you are still using naive arguments such as: "you can't spell CRAP without RAP," fiendishly unoriginal; "All they do is talk about blunts, bitches, and rims"; "Anyone could write it…"

If anyone could write it, why don't YOU? They're obviously making thousands and thousands of dollars… quit school and become a rapper!

I could sit here listing country lyrics so terrible they would make you lose your faith in the genre. I'm not here to attack country! I'm trying to figure out why there is such a difference in the way these two genres, each with hundreds of subgenres, are compared… especially when you can break them down to the facts, and notice how radically different, yet astoundingly similar, they are. And where do country fans get off ridiculing music from a different culture, yet putting on a façade of idealism every day? I have yet to meet somebody who can say they hate all rap with legitimate reasons to back up their opinion.

Can somebody please prove me wrong?!





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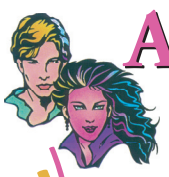
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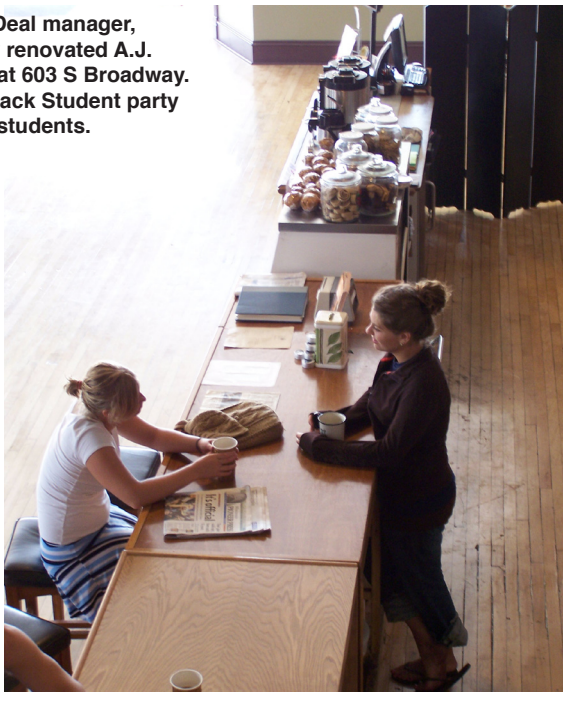
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New building gives The Raw Deal a bit of history



With a smile, Kelly Morey, The Raw Deal manager, serves a customer in the historically renovated A.J. Josephsson General Store building at 603 S Broadway. The Raw Deal will host a Welcome Back Student party with live music played by UW-Stout students.



Megan Flanagan, left, a senior in UW-Stout's dietetic program, enjoys an iced mocha at The Raw Deal, while Kelly Morey, manager, tells her about the the upcoming bands that will play on Friday, Sept 5.

At a Glance

What: Welcome Back Student party

Where: The Raw Deal, 603 S Broadway

When: 7 p.m., Friday Sept. 5

More info: This is an appreciation party for Stout students featuring two UW-Stout student groups. The A B & The Sea and Wesley Nehring and Ryan Morey will be the featured musicians.

Tony Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Swing open the door at the new location of The Raw Deal and you step into a part of Menomonie's history. Besides the historic ambience, they offer more space and products.

Ashley Score, The Raw Deal's finance manager and co-owner, said they opened the door for business in the new building just a day or so after moving from the old location on July 1. The move wasn't far. The new building is located at 603 South Broadway - just across the street.

The new building has at least three times the size of the old floor space, Score said. This gives them more space for people to come in, have meetings, do homework or study and have coffee. They wanted to create a place that has a good atmosphere for that sort of thing.

Along with the spacious first level floor space, there is a balcony set up as a "comfy-style" seating, said Kelly Morey, upcoming manager and senior in the dietetics program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. That, along with the wireless Internet access, makes it a good place to gather for studying all year long.

They still offer the same favorites they did in the old building, but they have begun to expand with coffee drinks and are planning to go a different way than from the deli-style service they have been offering.

"The menu will be evolving," Morey said. "We plan on getting a sit down menu." Other than those changes, things are pretty much the same with the smoothies, juices and coffee.

The floor space also allows them room for bigger venue events like the upcoming Welcome Back Students partythat will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5. And for a little quieter time, an antique billiard table is ready to run the table.

The billiard table adds to the whole historical aspect of the building, Score said. Part of the reason they made the move was the interest in the historic restoration of the building. The whole restoration project started in January of this year and completed in June. UW-Stout students had a hand in the design.

An architectural class in interior design came to complete a semester long project. "They did plans of the building and worked in groups to do space utilization of our requirements for counter, seating and tables," Score said. "They had to use requirements on how to use the space in the building."

Now the building is almost back to the way it looked like in 1905, when the A.J. Josephsson General Store was dealing dry goods and groceries, but to get it back to the way it looked then, it took some work. The balcony was closed off, there were two walls in front plus another little room, drop ceilings had been put in, the walls were covered with peg board and plaster and there was tile on floor. Now the floor is the original hardwood, the walls are brick and on the ceiling, the intricate pressed tin once again can be seen. They also restored the windows and are planning to restore the outside signage.

Overall, it should be a wonderful place to come and enjoy a cup of coffee, Morey said. "It's a little gift to Menomonie."

For more info about The Raw Deal, see "A Raw Deal Experience," 02/11/07 in Stoutonia online archives at www.stoutonia.com

Student's welcome back is no Raw Deal

Tony Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

The Raw Deal staff is ready to show off their "new digs" to University of Wisconsin-Stout students during a welcome back party featuring with live music by UW-Stout students.

"The welcome back student party is…to show off our new building, to show what we have to offer for products, as well as space," said Ashley Score. Score, The Raw Deal's finance manager and co-owner, said beside showing off the new building and services, it is an appreciation for the students coming back by having some good music.

The party starts at 7:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5 and although there is no set end time, Kelly Morey, up-and-coming manager of The Raw Deal, said the music it should wind down about 10:30 p.m.

And the music should be good, too said Morey. Of course, she is a little biased. Morey, a senior at UW-Stout in human development and family studies, said the line up begins with two staff members of The Raw Deal, who are also UW-Stout students. Wesley Nehring and Ryan Morey, Kelly Morey's brother, both will play acoustic style music. Morey said her brother Ryan has been playing for many years and will highlight his performance with music that he has composed.

A B & The Sea is the headliner for the night and come from Winneconne, Wisc., a town near Oshkosh. The two-man band consists of Koley O'Brien (vocals, guitar and harmonica) and Joe Spargur (guitar). The bands MySpace page gives a long list of influences include The Shins, Ryan Adams, The Beatles, Conan O'Brien, John Mayer, Spoon, Elvis Presley, The Beach Boys and other eclectic sources. The page also describes their sound as "Played honestly as the trees that silhouette every roadside and sung from lungs underwater holding their breath for change, rides every word on the waves of integrity".

Surf over to their MySpace site where you can listen to a few of their songs.

Along with the free concert, The Raw Deal will offer drink discounts and free billiards on the 1940s era billiard table.

Yeshuapolooza: a whole new level of block party

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor





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Street Level Ministry of Menomonie is set to kick off the school year with a block party for the record books. On Sept. 6, from 2-10:30 p.m., the Memorial Student Center lawn will be bursting with six talented bands, a full hog roast, coffee bar, henna tattoos, giant hula hoops and more fun than ever before.

The main features of this block party are the six talented bands set to perform. The bands include Minneapolis-based rock band BensonWells, acoustic rock from Mitch McVicker, St. Paul's Jeremy Sanoski Band (energy-infused rock) and the unique hip-hop/electronic/harmonic sounds of Josiah Smith. The Chicago band Fire By Nite will bring a heavier sound to the mix.

With no cover charge, this is one music event not to be missed. Don't miss out on this opportunity to sing, dance and groove along to impressive music and so much more. For further information, contact: streetlevel@uwstout.edu (festival organizer) or reliantkjesusstyle@yahoo.com (festival promoter).

Further information may also be found at: www.streetlevel.uwstout.edu/
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Eating Menomonie

The where and how of surviving hunger in college

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

The beginning of the school year brings with it a rather unsettling realization for many students: food does not cook itself. With the luxury of summer came the ease of finding delicious food, and if one was especially lucky, homemade food. Being that few students, especially those on campus, often have the ambition, patience, funds or sometimes know-how to make their own meals, the city of Menomonie rapidly becomes the place to hunt for quick and cheap meals. Students are in luck: Menomonie is home to a bevy of unique and delicious eateries and eating opportunities. With a little creativity, meal time can quickly become something to look forward to.

Restaurants
Menomonie offers a wide array of restaurants. From fast food favorites to sophisticated sit down dinners, this city offers an array of cultural fare and meals ranging from very low cost to dinners worth a special treat. Eating out doesn't have to be expensive. By taking a look at http://www.discovery-net.net/~mlana/Dininginmeno.htm, the great debate of where to eat becomes a bit simpler. This Web site offers a full list of restaurants and food places in Menomonie, as well as location, hours and contact information.

Food for thought: rather than falling into the same rut of restaurant experiences, make it a point to try a new restaurant for every dining experience. Not only will each experience be different and unique, but unlikely foods may become new favorites!

Park It
Though summer is all too quickly winding down, there is still plenty of time to pack up a blanket, a few eating supplies and make the trip to one of Menomonie's twelve parks for a picnic. Not only do picnics provide a bit of fresh air and change of pace in the meal department, but they also provide an opportunity to appreciate the relaxing calm that the city of Menomonie has to offer.

Food for thought: beware of menu choices that include meats, dairy or other items that spoil easily. If need be, pack food in a travel cooler with ice packs. For fool proof options, try vinaigrette based pasta salads, fresh vegetables and meatless sandwiches for tasty and picnic-friendly options.

Dining in the Hall
Dining Halls on campus offer an impressive variety of meal choices at an incredibly low price. Not only do the Tainter and Commons dining services provide a great meal time option, but they also provide an open atmosphere which is perfect for meeting new people and enjoying mealtime conversation.

Food for thought: To take this idea one step further, consider bringing meals back to the dorm and making it a floor (or roommate) dining event. Meals are more enjoyable when shared with others. Consider using fun plates and silverware to dress up the meal. Take turns supplying drinks and desserts, such as fruit punch or lemonade, root beer floats or store bought cookies.

Make it Your Own
Making a meal can be a lot of work, but it can also be a lot of fun. Gather a few friends and plan a meal. Assign each person a task and divide the grocery list. Most homemade foods are far more inexpensive and tasty that prepackaged, store bought items. Splitting up tasks will make the whole cooking process quicker and more enjoyable. Likewise, sharing the cost of groceries ensures an inexpensive and enjoyable meal for each person involved.

Food for thought: The internet is a great place to look for recipes. However, the recipes found may also be a bit more complicated than expected. If no one in the group is especially well-versed in kitchen know-how, don't be afraid to start from a simpler source. Kid-friendly cookbooks offer simple directions for surprisingly sophisticated and delicious meals. If all else fails, do-it-yourself sandwiches and an ice cream sundae bar can be just as satisfying and enjoyable as anything else.

Regardless of budget, ambition or kitchen knowledge, mealtime should be fun and enjoyable. Don't be afraid to try new things—it's part of the excitement! Take the opportunity this school year to truly experience Menomonie and meals for all they can be. Food is a powerful source of entertainment, friendship and satisfaction. Expanding one's food horizons is just as good for the body as it is for the soul.

Easy recipes to share or pack in a picnic basket

Artichoke Dip

1 cup Parmesan cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
1 1/2 cup artichoke hearts
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Combine equal amounts Parmesan cheese and mayonnaise. Add garlic powder.
Add artichoke hearts and combine with cheese mixture. May be served cold or heated 10 to 20 minutes in 350°F oven or until cheese is melted. Serve with chips or as a spread on french bread.

Baked Macaroni with Chicken and Cheese - serves 4

8 ounces macaroni
1 rotisserie roasted chicken or 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 cup prepared Alfredo sauce
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F.
Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain.
Meanwhile, remove meat from chicken. Discard skin and bones. If using chicken breasts, cook untnil no longer pink. Cut chicken into 1-inch pieces and set aside.
In a large bowl, combine macaroni, chicken, Alfredo sauce and Monterey Jack cheese. Mix well and transfer to a 2-quart baking dish. Top with Parmesan cheese and bake until bubbly and lightly browned on top, about 20 minutes. Serve warm.

Coconut Kisses - Yields about 30 kisses

1 can sweetened condensed milk
2 egg yolks
1 tbsp butter or margarine
1 lb freshly grated coconut
1 tsp vanilla extract

Mix all ingredients well. Cook in heavy saucepan, stirring constantly, until you can see the bottom of the pan. Pour onto a plate and let cool completely. Wait until the next day to form the balls. Lightly grease the palm of hands and form small balls. Roll in sugar and put in pretty paper cups.

Recipes adapted from: www.free-gourmet-recipes.com

Welcome The Gentle Guest into your stereos

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

The state of Wisconsin, while known for its beer and cheese, is also known for another thing—great music. With that great music comes a variety of local talent worthy of taking in. Amble Down, a Northwestern Wisconsin-based label and management firm, is proud to announce the release of an Eau Claire-based band, The Gentle Guest. The Gentle Guest will be releasing its first full length album, We Are Bound To Save Some Souls Tonight, on September 30th, 2008.

From the Amble Down press release, "The Gentle Guest is Eric Rykal and friends. Their music is bottled in Eau Claire, Wis., for the most part, near the Chippewa River in the living room of a little blue house. Their sound can be found somewhere between the Great Depression and 2008. The band's songs give off an Americana feel with a bit of rustic blues mixed in, all containing the folklore of overridden hobo tales in their story-telling and theatrical lyrics. "We Are Bound To Save Some Souls Tonight" is the band's debut full-length album and was written by Rykal on a rainy weekend this past April. It was recorded during the first few weeks of summer and has been performed all over town and throughout the region since its conception.

Rykal is quite versed in the local scene, as he's made his way through many credible musical projects throughout out the last five years. Alongside The Gentle Guest, he also plays guitar in sister-band Meridene, and continues to serve as one of the area's premier recording engineers."

To celebrate the album's release, party will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20t in Eau Claire at The Grand Little Theater. CDs will be available for $10 at the show, or can be pre-ordered online at ambledown.com or downloaded on iTunes, eMusic, Amazon and more beginning Sept. 30.

For more information and the chance to listen to the music of The Gentle Guest, check out The Gentle Guest's artist page: http://www.ambledown.com/artists/thegentleguest.html
or find the band on MySpace: http://www.myspace.com/thegentleguest

Download the first single, "Down At The Still" at http://www.ambledown.com/mp3/thegentleguest_downatthestill.mp3

Student to appear in reality poker show

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor



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What happens when an instrument-playing, sports-loving poker player takes his game to the next level? The opportunity of a lifetime. For University of Wisconsin - Stout business student Tony Wind, the game of poker is stepping up a notch. Wind, who has made playing poker a lifetime hobby, has found that Texas Hold 'em is giving him a chance at fame and fortune when he competes on Sports Network's reality poker show, "The Best Damn Poker Show," hosted by two of the biggest names in the game: 11-time World Series of Poker bracelet winner Phil Hellmuth Jr. and one of poker's most famous ladies, Annie Duke.

This opportunity would not have been possible without a lot of practice and a lot of learning. After reading the "Harrington on Hold 'em" three-book series five years ago, Wind's game improved and he began to playing online. Finding his niche within this game, poker quickly became a part time job for Wind who was able to pay for his fiancee's engagement ring after just a few months of playing.

After seeing just one episode of "The Best Damn Poker Show," Wind found his interest further sparked and submitted an audition video on youtube.com, in hopes of being selected to appear on a subsequent season of the show's airing.

Upon hearing word of his selection, Wind was ecstatic and began to plan his trip to Los Angeles.

On Sept. 8, Wind will make the trip to California to begin the poker playing experience of a lifetime.

For Tony Wind, wild dreams are just days away from becoming an amazing reality.

For a look at Tony's creative application video, check out youtube.com and search "Tony Wind poker."

Forward Music Fest comes to Madison

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

Madison, Wis. is the place to be Sept. 19 and 20. The world of indie music will be kicking off a new music festival—the Forward Music Fest. Over 50 bands will be featured on eight different venues, including Orpheum Theatre, Orpheum Stage Door, Cafe Montmartre, High Noon Saloon, Majestic Theatre, The Frequency, Project Lodge and the Corral Room.

With tickets priced at a reasonable $25 each, this is a music event not be missed.

The band lineup currently includes the sounds of: Neko Case, Mason Jennings, Flosstradamus, Giant Sand and numerous others.

Paired with the already impressive culture and atmosphere of Madison, the Forward Music Fest is guaranteed to provide an incredible experience and a weekend of groove inspiring tunes.

For more information, including a complete schedule, lineup, ticket info and organizer insight, go to http://www.forwardmusicfest.com.

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Stout women's soccer season underway

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the summer of 2008 comes to a disappointing conclusion, the Blue Devil Women's Soccer team has gotten the ball rolling to kick off its new fall season. It already has two games under its belt and while they were both close losses, the team is beginning the process of strengthening the overall cohesiveness among the players.

This season will be the third for Head Coach Meagan Frank as she will rely heavily on the leadership of a senior-laden squad. From last year's team, 9 out of 11 starters return to go along with the 7 seniors on this year's roster.

Even with all the promise associated with this year's team, there is still the pesky injury bug that seems to rear its ugly head during the course of any athletic season.

The women's soccer team is no exception, as at least one of the seven seniors, Rachel Herzog, has been lost for the season due to a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Her role as a leader on this team will not disappear, however, as she will focus on becoming a leader on the field while mentoring younger players who step up in her place. Several other seniors being counted on for on and off the field leadership are Laura Howard, Kelsey Keimeg and Jessica Halverson.

With an abundance of freshmen and sophomores on the roster, a person not familiar with the University of Wisconsin-Stout soccer may predict that the team is inexperienced and would be in for some growing pains during the season. While struggles are inevitable during any team's season, this year's squad will see less than normal pains as this year's sophomores all have frequent playing time and will continue to develop along with the tutelage of the seniors and junior, Katie Zernikel.

While every game counts during the season, the first two non-conference games aren't as important when it comes to determining a trip to the playoffs because conference wins count toward the WIAC Tournament. With every passing game, Coach Frank will provide opportunities for the entire roster, freshman to senior, to contribute to the whole effort of fielding a competitive team and coming out with the victory.

When injuries occur in numbers, it is hard to find that silver lining, but thanks to a great influx of incoming freshmen and upperclassmen talent, the Blue Devils have already had some highlights among the first two games. Freshman goalkeeper Taylor Randle started her first collegiate game against Augsburg University and had a strong performance in the net, recording 11 saves. This is an important first step of her development to eventually replace last year's starter Jessica Halverson, who will be graduating at the end of the year.

The Blue Devils have three more road non-conference games before it opens up conference play, which is also on the road, at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The home opener will be a welcome sight for the team as they will be finishing up a six game road trip that opened the season. The Blue Devils will face three time defending conference champions when they play the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at their home field on Oct. 15. With a tiring road schedule to start off the season, a few home games will be just what the team needs to get things going on the right track.



UW-Stout 2008 Soccer team poses for a group picture
Photo contributed by UW-Stout Athletics



Taylor Randle

This five-foot-six-inch goalkeeper from Shoreview, Minn. is a freshman. In high school Randle was a captain of her team and helped lead them to be section champions three years in a row. Her high school team also advanced to the state championship in three consecutive years.

In her spare time Randle enjoys being with her friends, going to movies and going to the beach.

The Blue Devil soccer team played against Augsburg College on August 29 at Augsburg's Edor Nelson Field. It was in this game where Randle got her first career collegiate start with UW-Stout. The Blue Devils lost the game 1-0, but Randle had a very productive night turning away 11 shots on goal. Although she did not start in the loss to Augustana on Sept. 1, her future as a Blue Devil looks very promising. The UW-Stout soccer team plays their next game on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. at St. Norbert.



Men's Cross Country Prepares for Season

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's cross country team held its annual alumni/intrasquad meet on Aug. 30.

The alumni meet is meant to help determine where runners will be placed during competition, and it allows newcomers to get helpful advice from experienced runners.

This season nine sophomores, six juniors and one senior, Matt Kennedy. Junior Nate Carey will be the team's leader this year after earning National Collegiate Athletic Association all-academic honors, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference all-sportsmen honors, and just missing out on all-WIAC honors. The team is welcoming as many as 11 freshmen this season. Coach Matt Schauf is anticipating good things from freshman Mikey Scott, Kelvin Johnson, Kendrick Johnson and Tim Nelson. The Blue Devils only lost one senior to graduation last season, David Schonscheck. Six of the top seven runners from last season are returning.

Shauf said this season that the team is on the brink of making some noise in the WIAC. He said, "We have a lot of runners coming back and a deeper class coming in." The team met all of their goals from last season, including placing in the top fifteen National Collegiate Athletic Association at the division three regional (the team placed 14th), getting an all region performer (the team got two) and shaving time off (on average, the team shaved a minute to a minute and a half).

The team will open its season at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Invitational meet on Sept. 13.

The FieldTurf is greener on the other side

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team prepares for the 2008 season, the players will have something to look forward to other than hopes of another successful season - FieldTurf. While the average individual may not appreciate the technological advancement that is FieldTurf, the athletes who play on this revolutionary surface will. During the month of July, workers began to remove the old surface of AstroTurf and replaced it with FieldTurf.

The installation process is slightly different than Astroturf due to a unique blend of polyethylene fibers which are tufted into a bedding of silica sand and cryogenic rubber pellets. This turf cocktail behaves almost identically to that of a grass playing surface on how it displaces the force applied when an athlete is running across this artificial surface.

There have been countless ACL, meniscus, and MCL tears that shortened or tragically ended the careers of numerous athletes, professional or amateur. A parallel can be created between a former NFL star and a current member of the Blue Devil football team. In 1998 Atlanta Falcons running back Jamal Anderson set an NFL record with 410 carries and helped his team to its first ever Super Bowl. His next season was expected to be an encore performance but was ended in just the second game of the season. On the third play of the game he received a handoff and planted his right leg in order to cut upfield but collapsed as the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee tore. The strange thing about this injury was that it wasn't sustained while being tackled. As he planted and the knee gave way, he dropped to the ground with an unnerving suddenness. A similar injury was suffered by UW-Stout defensive end Cord Unbehaun in his freshman year during training camp. While participating in positional drills, Unbehaun made a cut on the AstroTurf of Don & Nona Williams stadium and collapsed just as Anderson had done against the Cowboys that fateful Monday night.



Photo taken by: Toby Zingrone

The conclusion of the injury is that Unbehaun had suffered tears of the meniscus and ACL, two ligaments crucial for supporting the weight of the body while playing football. Injuries similar to Anderson and Unbehaun have occurred quite frequently in the world of athletics and the rate of such knee injuries led officials and bystanders to question the safety of Astroturf.

The first athletic program to make the switch to FieldTurf was the University of Nebraska in 1999. The FieldTurf was preferred over natural grass because it required much less upkeep compared to its natural counterpart. It required no watering, mowing or fertilization. Given the positive feedback from the Nebraska players and their opponents, other schools and professional venues began to make the permanent switch to FieldTurf.

The concept behind FieldTurf was that it should be designed so that it behaved like grass with all of the hassle that accompanies the upkeep of a tidy natural grass playing surface. The previous editions of artificial playing surface were more like that of the carpet you would find in a classroom. The other benefits of choosing FieldTurf as the preferred artificial playing surface is that it is far less abrasive than Astroturf and reduces accelerated muscle fatigue associated with an AstroTurf playing surface. The Blue Devil football team will have its first game action on the new surface on Saturday, Sept. 13 against Jamestown College at 1 p.m.

In the professional world, 22 NFL stadiums currently use FieldTurf with the remainder using a natural grass surface. With the removal of the AstroTurf from Don & Nona Williams Stadium, athletes of both UW-Stout and their opponents can feel more confident when performing at a high level knowing that the surface they are running on won't betray them.

From the first Super Bowl on an artificial surface (Super Bowl VIII where the Dolphins played the Vikings) to the home opener on a brand new field of FieldTurf (Jamestown College vs. UW-Stout Sep. 13) the evolution of artificial playing surfaces will continue to benefit the well-being of athletes from the amateur level all the way up to the professional level.

Men's golf starts season

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team is off to a solid start after taking 18 strokes off their score on August 29 from one year ago.

This tournament was 54 holes that determined the final roster for the Blue Devil's. There were over 40 students that went through the try out process. In the end nine students were chosen and one alternate will be named at a later date. The team is welcoming returning juniors Derek Holmes, Paul Speltz and Marc Nickolaus, and sophomores Sheldon Haedtke and Andy Smith. The team is also welcoming new freshman Dieter Zuehlke, Dan Nelson, Garret Larson, and Ethan Schmitz.

Coach Terry Watkins expected the passion that last season's team had for the game will continue through this season. After the opening day of the Augsburg Invitational from last season Watkins could see the passion in his team when they got in the van and they were quiet because they knew they hadn't finished well that day. This season Watkins is expecting each player to shave off four to five strokes this season and the team wants to finish better in each match. He said, "We have already done that."

Watkins wants the team to continue to improve throughout the season and gain some recognition in regional rankings. He wants to team to earn a number 10 or 11 ranking and by the spring season be considered for National Collegiate Athletic Conference post season play.
The team will open their season on Sept. 6 and 7 at the Auggie Fall Invitational in Buffalo Lake and Hutchingson, MN.

Women's golf returns three

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team opened its season at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Fall Invitational on Aug. 30 and 31 placing 13 of 26 teams.

After day one of the tournament Blue Devil sisters senior Molly Loney and sophomore Morgan Loney were in a seven-way tie for 21st when they both shot an 81. Freshman Alyssa Reimenschneider was in an eight-way tie for 65th after shooting an 88, freshman Corbin Carlson was in a tie for 73rd with 89 strokes and freshman Kristine Connell was in 99th with 94 strokes. As a team the Blue Devils were in ninth place.

At the end of the tournament Molly Loney finished 18th after adding four strokes to her score to finish the day with and 85 and the tournament with a 166. Carlson finished in a tie for 54th and Morgan Loney with a tournament shot of 177. Reimenschneider finished 88th with a tournament score of 189 and Connell finished with 19 strokes and a 101st place. Gustavus Adolphus won the tournament.

This season, only three players are returning to the team from last season, Molly and Morgan Loney and junior Kelsey Treptow. The team is welcoming eight freshmen to the team this season: Reimenschneider, Carlson, Connell, Alyssa Elegreet, Alicia Gallo, Erin LaHaye, Darcy Martin and Liz Pogue. Head coach Howie Samb is pleased with this season's turnout. "More times than not, UW-Stout couldn't post a team score because there weren't five players posting scores," said Samb. He is considering Molly Loney as the team leader.

The Blue Devils will compete next in a two-day Division III Midwest Classic on Sept. 13 in Ham Lake, Minn.

Rodgers readies for rambunctious riot

Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

What seemed to be an ongoing daytime soap opera finally came to a conclusion this past month when Brett Favre was traded to the New York Jets for a conditional draft pick in 2009. Although his departure wasn't appreciated by many in Wisconsin, his absence in the NFC North put smiles on many faces in Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota.

Aaron Rodgers, Favre's backup for three consecutive years, will take the role as the starting quarterback for the Packers in the first Monday Night Football game of the '08-'09 season. It should be a daunting task as he faces off against the Minnesota Vikings in his first professional start. But who is Aaron Rodgers exactly? Let me get you more in touch with who will assumingly be the starting quarterback for the Packers for the next decade.

After transferring from Butte Community College to the University of California, Berkeley before the 2003 season, Rodgers saw playing time relatively quickly. Five games into the season he was named the starter. In his first year as the starting quarterback for Cal, Rodgers led the team to an overall record of 8-6. The season consisted of an unpredicted victory over the then ranked University of Southern California Trojans. In his first season with Cal, Rodgers tied the school individual season record of 300 yard passing games with five.

In the 2004 season Rodgers would prove to be similarly successful as he led Cal to the number four ranking in the country. The (Cal) Golden Bears only lost one game that season in a heated battle against a ranked USC team. Although the Golden Bears lost, Rodgers managed to break a school record when he completed 26 consecutive passes in a single game. At the end of the 04 regular season, Rodgers had accounted for a total of 24 touchdown passes to a mere eight interceptions. After losing 45-31 to Texas Tech University in the Holiday Bowl, Rodgers elected to enter the 2005 NFL Draft.

As the NFL Draft approached, Rodgers was expected to be an early selection. He was considered by many to be a possible number one overall pick, battling Alex Smith for the top selection. Smith however got the nod come draft day, causing Rodgers to slip further then most expected. His selection by the Green Bay Packers with the 24th overall choice quickly became the buzz of the '05 draft.

Although his paycheck is now a fraction of what it would have been had he been the number one overall selection, Rodgers found himself in a great situation in Green Bay as he got the opportunity to learn the game from one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history. The development of Rodgers in Green Bay had a positive feel to it until the summer of '08. It wasn't until Aug. 4 of 2008 when Favre's reappearance, after a brief four month retirement, put a foul taste in Rodgers' mouth. From there on the whole situation became a bit surreal as Favre was named the backup to Rodgers and was told he would be nothing more than a mentor. The situation has been resolved on paper, but the wake of Favre's departure has yet to be settled amongst the wide fan base in Wisconsin.

The weight of an NFL franchise has now been bestowed upon the shoulders of Rodgers. The true test of whether or not he is up to the task will be answered come Monday, Sept. 8.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

(Away) Saturday, Sep. 6 at Menlo College at 12:00 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Sep. 13 against Jamestown College at 1 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Sep. 20 against Missouri S&T at 6 p.m.

(Away) Saturday, Oct. 4 at UW-Platteville at 2 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Oct. 11 against UW-Oshkosh at 1 p.m.

(HOMECOMING) Saturday, Oct. 18 against UW-Stevens Point at 1 p.m.

(Away) Saturday Oct. 25 at UW-River Falls at 1 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Nov. 1 against UW-La Crosse at 1 p.m.

(Away) Saturday, Nov. 8 at UW-Whitewater at 12:00 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Nov. 15 against UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m.

SOCCER

(Away) Saturday, Sep. 6 at St. Norbert at 2 p.m.

(Away) Sunday, Sep. 7 at Lawrence at 2 p.m.

(Away) Thursday, Sep. 11 at Bethel University at 4 p.m.

(Away) Saturday, Sep. 13 at UW-Stevens Point at 2 p.m.

(Home) Wednesday, Sep. 17 against UW-River Falls at 7 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Sep. 20 against UW-Platteville at 1 p.m.

(Home) Sunday, Sep. 21 against the University of Dubuque at 2 p.m.

(Away) Saturday, Sep. 27 at UW-Oshkosh at 2 p.m.

(Away) Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Gustavus Adolphus at 7 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Oct. 4 against UW-La Crosse at 4 p.m.

TENNIS

(Away) Sunday, Sep. 7 at Beloit College at 10 a.m.

(Home) Friday, Sep. 12 against UW-Oshkosh at 3:30 p.m.

(Away) Friday, Sep. 19 at the ITA tournament (time TBA)

(Away) Saturday, Sep. 20 at the ITA tournament (time TBA)

(Away) Sunday, Sep. 21 at the ITA tournament (time TBA)

(Away) Friday, Sep. 26 at UW-River Falls at 3:30 p.m.

(Home) Saturday, Sep. 27 against Bethel University at 11 a.m.

(Away) Saturday, Oct. 4 at UW-Stevens Point at 10 a.m.

(Home) Tuesday, Oct. 7 against UW-Eau Claire at 3 p.m.

(Away) Thursday, Oct 16 at UW-La Crosse at 3 p.m.

GOLF

Men's golf

Saturday, Sep. 6 at Auggie Fall Invite at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Sep. 7 at Auggie Fall Invite at 9 a.m.

Saturday, Sep. 13 at Edgewood Culver's Classic (TBA)

Sunday, Sep. 14 at Edgewood Culver's Classic (TBA)

Sunday, Sep. 21 at Frank Wigglesworth Blugold Invite (TBA)

Women's
Saturday, Sep. 13 at DIII Midwest Classic (TBA)

Sunday, Sep. 14 at DIII Midwest Classic (TBA)

Saturday, Sep. 20 at Illinois Wesleyan Invite (TBA)

Sunday, Sep. 21 at Illinois Wesleyan Invite (TBA)

Saturday, Sep. 27 at UW-Stevens Point Invite (TBA)

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Men's Golf

On August 28 and 29 the men's golf team held a contest to determine who would be on it's official golf roster. After 54 holes of play at the Chippewa Valley Golf Course, their roster was set. Derek Holmes, Paul Speltz, Sheldon Haedtke, Dieter Zuehlke, Andy Smith, Marc Nickolaus, Dan Nelson, Garret Larson and Ethan Schmitz all made the final roster. The men's golf team play in their first meet this coming Saturday at the Auggie Fall Invite.
Next meet: (Away) Saturday, Sep. 6 at the Auggie Fall Invite at 9 a.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Record: 0-2
The Blue Devil soccer team's season is officially underway. The Blue Devils played against Augsburg College on Aug. 29 where freshman Taylor Randle made her first collegiate start, UW-Stout lost the game 1-0. On Sept. 1 the soccer team suffered another defeat when they lost to Augustana College 3-0. Although the Blue Devils lost their first two initial games, UW-Stout looks to bounce back this weekend when they take on St. Norbert on Saturday.
Next game: (Away) Saturday, Sept. 6 at St. Norbert, Wis. at 2 p.m.



Women's Golf

The UW-Stout women's golf team ended their day 13th of 26 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invite. UW-Stout's Molly Loney finished her second day three spots higher than she did after her first. Even though she increased her score by four strokes compared to her first day performance, it was enough to bump her up from 21st place to 18th. As a team UW-Stout slipped from ninth place to 13th after its second day of performing.
Next meet: (Away) Saturday, Sep. 13 at the DIII Midwest Classic. The staringtime has yet to be determined.

Congratulations to the Men's Rugby team for advancing from Division 2 to Division 1!

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Community

Tuesday, September 9

Job Searching Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, September 10

EDA Web Telecast
1:30 p.m.
Room 207, Millennium Hall

Resume Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Thursday, September 11

How to Find a Co-op/ Internship
Workshop 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

2008 Scholarship Awards Ceremony
7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Friday, September 12

UW-Stout Foundation Board Meeting
8 a.m. Ballrooms B and C, MSC

Saturday, September 13

UW-Stout Alumni Board of Directors
Meeting 8 a.m. Red Cedar Hall

Monday, September 15

Brighton Beach Memoirs Auditions
5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Harvey Hall Theatre

Tuesday, September 16

Resume Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Sport Lead Climbing Class
7 p.m.
Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, September 17

Interviewing Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

GPS Clinic
6 p.m.
Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Entertainment

Thursday, September 4

White Light Riot
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, September 5

Stout RPG "Game Night"
6 p.m. to Midnight
Ballroom C, MSC

Show to Welcome Back Students
7 p.m.
The Raw Deal, Menomonie, WI

Iron Man
7 p.m. Applied Arts, Room 210

Saturday, September 6

Yeshuapolooza 2008
2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
MSC South Lawn

Tuesday, September 9

Great American Cookout
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
South Campus Mall

Wednesday, September 10

9/11 Documentary - Divided We Fall
7 p.m. Applied Arts, Room 210

Thursday, September 11

The Hopefuls with Zoo Animals
8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Athletics

Friday, September 5

Tennis
3 p.m.
Edgewood College, Madison, WI

Volleyball
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Colorado College Tournament,
Colorado Springs, CO

Saturday, September 6

Tennis
8 a.m.
UW-Whitewater Tourney,
Whitewater, WI

Men's Golf
9 a.m.
Auggie Fall Invite, Buffalo Lake, MN

Football
Noon
Menlo College, Atherton, CA

Volleyball
1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m.
Colorado College Tournament,
Colorado Springs, CO

Soccer
2 p.m.
St. Norbert, Green Bay, WI

Sunday, September 7

Men's Golf
9 a.m.
Auggie Fall Invite, Hutchingson, MN

Tennis
10 a.m.
Beloit College, Beloit, WI

Soccer
2 p.m.
Lawrence, Appleton, WI

Wednesday, September 10

Volleyball vs. St. Catherine
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Thursday, September 11

Soccer
4 p.m.
Bethel University, St. Paul, MN

Friday, September 12

Volleyball vs. Viterbo University
and UM-Morris
2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
UW-Stout Tournament

Tennis vs. UW-Oshkosh
3:30 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Saturday, September 13

Volleyball vs. Luther College
and Dakota State
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
UW-Stout Tournament

Women's Cross Country
11 a.m.
UW-Whitewater Invite, Whitewater, WI

Men's Cross Country
11:45 a.m.
UW-Whitewater Invite, Whitewater, WI

Football vs. Jamestown College
1 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Soccer vs. UW-Stevens Point
2 p.m.
Stevens Point, WI

Tuesday, September 16

Volleyball vs. St. Scholastica
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Wednesday, September 17

Soccer vs. UW-River Falls
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

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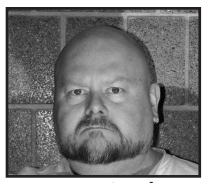
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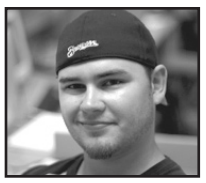
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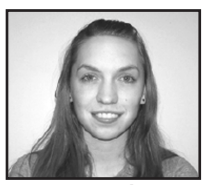



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From Stout to Stockholm | Opportunities and options

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

Being a college student presents many opportunities, challenges and memories. Now old enough to vote, students become independent through education, discovery and responsibility. It is within these few short years at a university that we tend to learn the most about who we are, all in the attempt to figure out who we will be for the rest of our lives. With this new found responsibility, students need to divide their time in order to obtain their degrees, all while still having an exciting college experience. There are many ways that students can do so, and for those that are lucky enough, one choice is to study abroad.

Although it may seem like many students are able to travel to take courses during their college years, a recent study done by NAFSA, the Association of International Educators, shows that only about 1 percent of all the United States' college students study abroad annually. Many U.S. students reported during their freshman year that they planned to travel during college, but studies show that very few actually end up doing so. According to www.vistawide.com, many more students from other parts of the world end up studying abroad. When compared to the 200,000 students traveling from the U.S., international students come to study in the U.S. more than twice as much at 565,000, as of 2004.

It seems puzzling that the numbers would be so low, but when examining all of the factors that go into studying abroad, the answer isn't too far under the surface. It seems that a lot of students pass up this opportunity based on financial costs of the trips. According to the article "ISSUE UPDATE: Simon Study Abroad Bill Remains on Congress's Agenda This Year" by NAFSA, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act could change all of that. This important act that has been debated for much time is something that would help expand opportunities to those that need more funding to study abroad, as well as simply get more students out there expanding their horizons. The goal of the Simon Study Abroad Act is to get more than one million students studying abroad annually. Although it is predicted that reaching this goal may take 10 years, the passing of this act could bring about a lot of change in colleges and other institutions across the United States.

"With significant bipartisan support in Congress, the Simon bill passed the House of Representatives last year," the article reads, seeming to shed light on the grim situation. "However, like many other important pieces of legislation that remain on Congress' agenda this year, it is being blocked in Senate action." This blockade, while disappointing, brings the opportunity for local and national legislators to be questioned on why they answered "no" to this bill. It is very possible, with our upcoming elections this year, that the bill will be passed and brought into action.



Photo submitted by Ali Riehle
Paul posing outside of a castle while studying abroad.

Here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, studying abroad is a very important part of our education. Many students, of all backgrounds and majors are able to study abroad each year. According to Carissa Williams, a Study Abroad Advisor in the office of International Education, nearly 350 UW-Stout students studied abroad last year, and she only hopes that those numbers will increase as time goes by. Most UW-Stout students are able to go on full semester trips overseas but other options are definitely available. Although financial concerns are very prevalent when discussing these trips, Williams says, "There are a lot of options out there." Between loans, foundation scholarships, help from family and financial aid, funding for this type of travel is very available to students nationwide. Some students choose to participate in the National Student Exchange, going somewhere inside of the U.S., while others go on exchanges overseas, paying the same amount as UW-Stout tuition.



Photo submitted by Ali Riehle
A shot taken by Staci Paul, a junior in the graphic design program, during a digital photography course in Scotland and Ireland this summer 2008.

- Most popular places to travel with UW-Stout: Australia, England, Scotland and Spain. (According to Carrisa Williams, Study Abroad Advisor, International Education office)
- Resources for financial aid for trips: www.internationalscholars.com, www.NAFSA.org, www.studyabroadfunding.org, The UW-Stout Financial Aid office and the UW-Stout International Education office.
- Possible study abroad programs at UW-Stout: Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, England, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Thailand and Turkey

Staci Paul, a junior in the graphic design major, was lucky enough to experience firsthand what it's like to participate in one of these trips. She took a digital photography course in Scotland and Ireland this past summer. Although her trip was shorter, just three weeks long, Paul said, "It was a great learning experience, and a great class to take abroad." Here are just a few of the things that Staci did on her trip: stayed in a palace, toured the highlands in Edinburgh, swam in Loch Ness, climbed mountains and looked at castle ruins. "It was a beautiful place to photograph. I also met lots of interesting people," Paul said. "We stayed in a hostel in Dublin, and since it is a popular tourist area, we met lots of people from around the world."

While many students haven't been able to go on trips like Paul did, there is always hope for the future. With all of the funding available, and the possibility of the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act passing sometime soon, the availability of more opportunities is very close. It is with this hope of gaining worldwide perspective that students across the country can begin to plan their own study abroad experience. While there is a long way to go with funding, locations and programs, hopefully the students in the coming years will soon realize the power that they have for that change and the many opportunities that they hold within their own two hands.

Pledge to be a green commuter

Stout's sustainability office is promoting green commuting and trying to lessen our campus' carbon footprint.

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

In hope that faculty, staff and students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout will think more about and change their commuting habits, the Sustainability Office has organized the Green Commuter Pledge. The pledge is designed for off-campus students and travelling faculty to look for alternate forms of transportation to UW-Stout, and to reduce the number of trips made by carpooling. All you have to do is e-mail Raina Clark (clarkra@uwstout.edu), Sustainability Coordinator, pick up your pledge button and use a green method of transportation to class three days next week, Sept. 22-26.

Last September, Chancellor Sorensen signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, agreeing to shift the campus towards carbon neutrality. Commuter behavior will be tested along with other tests to determine the university's current carbon footprint.

Even if you don't get the button, try to examine your method of transportation and see if you can make it greener!

"The point of this first year of the pledge is to give people an extra incentive to try carpooling or to walk and bike to work, and to recognize those who are already green commuters."

-Raina Clark, UW-Stout's Environmental Sustainability Coordinator



What's green transportation?

- Walking
- Biking, rollerblading, or skateboarding
- Non-motorized vehicles
- Carpooling
- Downsizing your typical vehicle, such as hybrid or electric vehicles
- Mopeds



Submitted Photo
Dave Larson of UW-Stout's mail services delivers mail in the new electric Columbia Mega van .

Mail services' new van

Last year UW-Stout's parking services got a hybrid ZEN vehicle to reduce gas emissions. This September, the mail services received a electric Columbia van thanks to a free lease from its participation in the Early Earth Day Odyssey Event hosted here by Chris Schneider, the Hybrid Guru of La Crosse last spring.

Many wonder how long an electric vehicle can stay charged. Surely not long enough to deliver mail all around campus all day long. But that proved to not be an issue. "I let it unplugged on purpose one night, just to see, but it didn't lose any charge. It went two days straight like that," commented Dave Larson of UW-Stout mail services.



Photo submitted by Tasha Sookochoss
Smart and Healthy Campaign banners along the bridge of Lake Menomin support the new campaign for the entire Stout community to make responsible drinking choices.

Smart and healthy

Campaign to promote responsible drinking among students and local community

Tasha Sookochoss
Staff Writer

This fall a new campaign here on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus aims to correct the misconceptions students have about drinking and to promote responsible drinking choices. The Smart and Healthy Campaign lead by Dr. Amber Gerber, the UW-Stout Alcohol, Drug and Violence Prevention Coordinator, is a marketing campaign which distributes student-designed marketing materials around campus. These materials include posters, fliers and stickers that serve as a reminder to make smart decisions when it comes to alcohol.

Gerber says the campaign does not necessarily promote abstinence, though she notes that drinking under the age of 21 is illegal. However, Gerber says if students are aware of the negative consequences of alcohol and still choose to drink, the Smart and Healthy campaign's purpose is to remind students to drink in a way that is safe and responsible.

Another one of the goals of the Smart and Healthy campaign is to bridge the gap between what students' perceptions of drinking are and what statistics actually show. "Students believe everyone is drinking at these high levels, but the research that we do shows that they're not," Gerber said. Past studies of UW-Stout's students have shown that 80 percent of students either do not drink or drink in moderation.

In hopes that this percentage of students stays the same or increases, the Smart and Healthy campaign has been put together through the Chancellor's Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs and through a grant given to UW-Stout by the U.S. Department of Education. Chancellor Sorensen's coalition is comprised of representatives from all of the academic colleges and student services. The members of this coalition have been given Smart and Healthy campaign materials to distribute.

The Dunn County Partnership for Youth has also joined the Smart and Healthy Campaign to promote responsible drinking within the local community. Banners placed over the bridge on North Campus state both, "We are Menomonie" and "We are Stout." Gerber says the Smart and Healthy campaign is not directed to only students, but also to parents so they discuss with their children the issues of drinking. She feels the banners display the collaborative effort between Dunn County and UW-Stout and that the message of making safe and healthy choices is one that should be relayed to everyone.

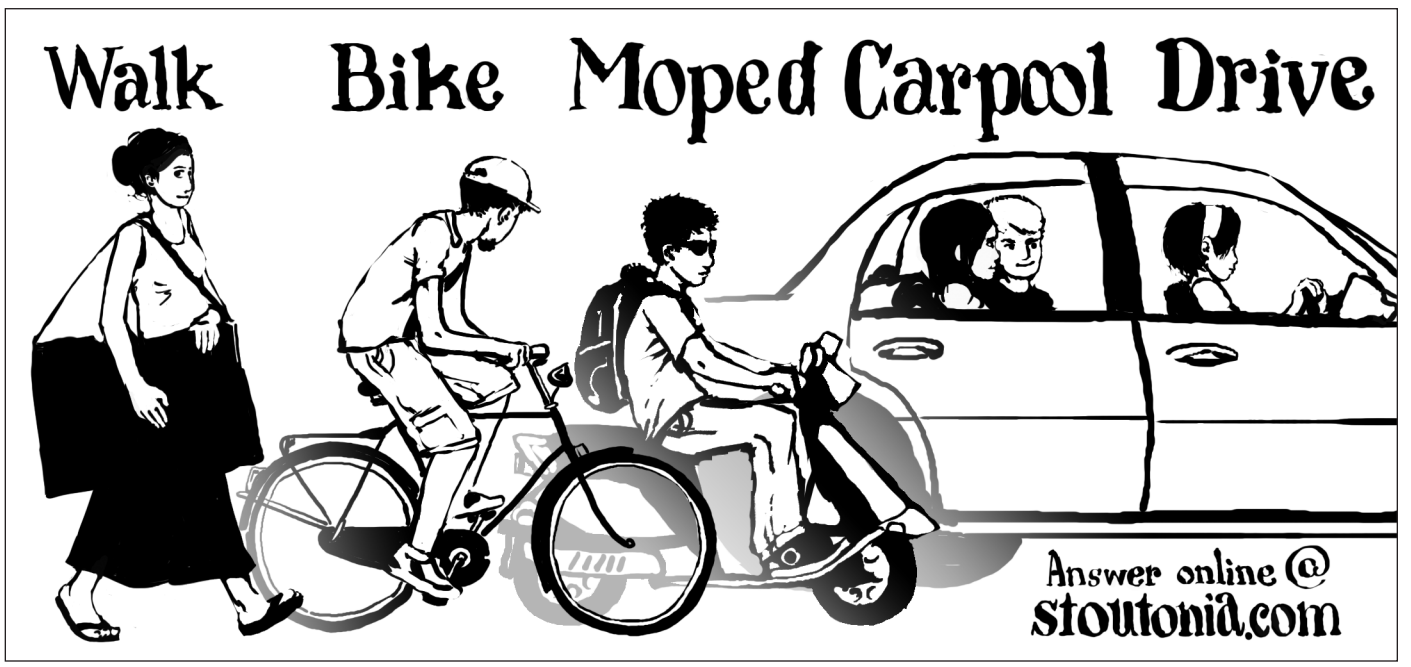
For more information please contact Dr. Gerber at gerbera@uwstou.edu or 715-232-2468.

Stout's Faculty and Staff are carpooling

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty and staff now have a way to find others heading their way to school. On the parking services Web site, there is a rideshare board where faculty or staff can choose where they are travelling from, east or west of Menomonie. They then can find other faculty and staff going in their direction to work out plans to carpool.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 24, a survey will be sent out to a sample of faculty, staff and students to find out the methods of transporation and to measure our gas emissions.



Get ready for the fall 2008 Career Conference

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

This year is the University of Wisconsin-Stout's 30th Annual career conference.

"Stout's Career Conference is, arguably, the longest-running, largest career conference of its kind in the nation," said Ray Rivera, Career Services Counselor.

Why not Madison, or the University of Minnesota?

"Because of the types of students we have here, the types of majors, and how well the employers are treated when they come to Stout, said Rivera. "Maybe because of our great hospitality and service management programs. We treat the employers as customers and provide them with the best customer service that we can."

The conference is for all students, from freshmen to super seniors.

"It's a good experience for the freshmen, even though they may feel inadequate, said Rivera. "If they are still unsure about a major, they can use this as career exploration, asking the employers what they're looking for, what the people at their company do. They can also see the kinds of co-ops and internships available and decide when they should begin looking for one. Some freshmen have even landed internships, or made a big enough impression that employers remember them the following year."

Sophomores can also come, but depending on their major, some employers may be looking for a junior or senior to apply for their internship. "Very specific majors are looking for the juniors and seniors who have had the technical classes, but some, such as hospitality, will accept underclassmen," Rivera said.

Unlike previous years, there are not going to be any specific major days. This was changed for two reasons.

"First," Rivera said, "one of the days would always be overfilled and we would have to turn down some of the largest employers. This is obviously not in the best interest of the students. Secondly, students' schedules may not allow them to make the conference on a certain day, missing employers of their major." This year, there will be all majors every day at the conference.

Some students may think the conference is full of business and hospitality employers. "We want students to know we send out invitations to over 3,000 employers," said Rivera. "We accept employers on a first come, first serve basis. Some majors don't come because they fill their positions in different ways, and we have other tools to help them find an internship."

There is a lot you can do to prepare for the conference this year. On the Career Services site (www.uwstout.edu/careers), students can create an account with Stout CareerLink. On the site, you can look for the employers of your major, or even drop a resume to an employer if you can not make the day they are at the conference.

Helpful tips from Career Services

With these helpful hints from Career services, you can be better prepared for the Career Conference to make a better impression:

1) Wear professional clothing.
A conservative two-piece business suit for both men and women with a white or pastel shirt/blouse under it is acceptable. Men should remember to wear ties.

2) Use your manners.
Don't interrupt a conversation, introduce yourself, be enthusiastic and ask questions.

3) Bring numerous copies of contact information.
Include resume and business cards with contact information. Include in your resume previous employment, business skills and education information.

4) Follow up on good contacts.
If you do make a good contact with a representative, follow up with them. Send a short e-mail or letter within two days of the conversation thanking them for their time, and mention any specific points you discussed so they better remember you.

Organization Spotlight

Get your organization seen in the Stoutonia.

A new feature this year will highlight Stout organizations and their unique contribution they have on student life. Send a short description of the organization along with any planned events to stoutonia@uwstout.edu and we'll put your organization in the spotlight.

Brighton Beach Memoirs

Travis Shipman
Staff Writer

Auditions for the play "Brighton Beach Memoirs" were held Monday, Sept. 15. "Brighton Beach Memoirs" was written by Neil Simon and is about a family struggling in New York in 1937. The play revolves around a teenage boy named Eugene, who fantasizes about girls, baseball and a peaceful life.

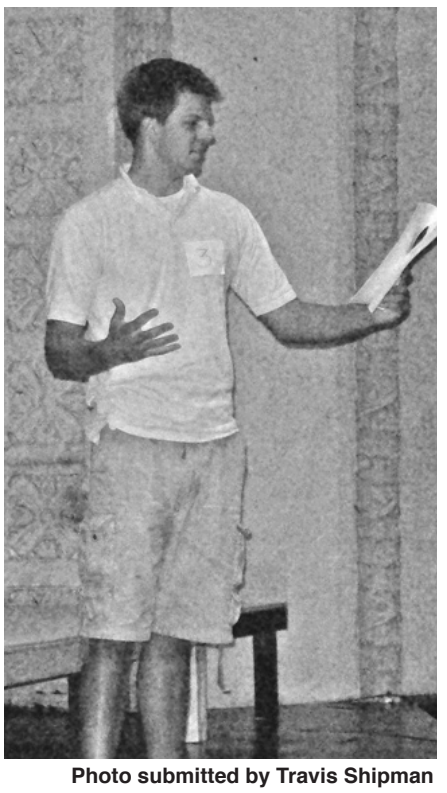


Photo submitted by Travis Shipman
A student auditions for this fall's play on Sept. 15.

Paul Calenberg is the director of the play and also the director of the Theatre Department. Paul would like the community to know that volunteers are welcome to help out with backstage setup and other areas of the play. "Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be performed November 9, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 118 of Harvey hall.

Tickets will be available at the Memorial Student Center Service Desk (232-1141) for $10.50 or online at www.tickets.uwstout.edu.

Next semester there will be a musical, "Urinetown," which is about a revolution, love, corruption and greed. The book and lyrics are by Greg Kotis and the music was written by Mark Hollmann. This will also be directed by Paul Calenberg. This musical calls for a big turnout at auditions to fill in the 16 – 20 open positions. The performances are scheduled for April 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and April 19 at 1:30 p.m. in Harvey Hall. Ticket information and pricing are the same as for "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

Sarah Palin and her daughter: hypocrisy inaction

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

Call it Juno. Or maybe Juneau, as in the Alaskan city. By now, can there be anyone left who hasn't heard of Bristol Palin? I'd be surprised if there were, since it seems like anyone who is even the slightest bit political has stated their stance on the pregnant, unwed, seventeen-year-old daughter of potential Vice President Sarah Palin.

To be honest, I feel bad for poor Bristol. I even pity her mother. Imagine your child's mistake being subject to either applause or scorn and mockery, being the topic of numerous debates between pundits on national television, the audience composed of hundreds of millions of your potential voters. What happened to privacy? Sarah Palin must be wishing for the public to just leave Bristol alone, and to be decent enough to grant her daughter the privacy she so desperately needs. You know, to leave her alone with her – what's the word …? Oh, I know: choice.

Actually, I take it all back. I don't feel sorry for Sarah Palin. And I say that yes, this should be a topic of discussion and yeah, I am absolutely passing judgment here. But don't misunderstand my point – it's not the pregnant, underaged and engaged Bristol and her pregnancy that I feel deserves scrutiny. No one should be exploiting her or her situation. But Bristol's pregnancy brings with it legitimate questions regarding her mother's political stances. And not only is it our right, but it's our responsibility to question our politicians.

Here's the problem: Sarah Palin is not only enabling, but encouraging and applauding her daughter for making the choice that she doesn't want others in the same situation to have.

Not sure what I mean? Here, I'll start this with a quote by Palin herself: "Bristol and the young man she will marry are going to realize very quickly the difficulties of raising a child, which is why they are going to have the love and support of our entire family." Something I feel that pairs with it nicely is this snippet from the official Republican platform: "[The Republican Party has] a moral obligation to assist, not to penalize, women struggling with the challenges of an unwanted pregnancy."

Nice, right? Her love and concern for her daughter is admirable. She seems to understand that this is going to be difficult and wants to do whatever she can to help. Sounds like someone who definitely practices what she preaches.

Except not. There are some other things that need to be brought to attention. And this is important, so it earns the bold font. In April of this year, she reduced funding on a state program that would serve teen mothers in need of a place to live by over 20 percent.

What a compassionate conservative you are, Sarah Palin! You know that your daughter has found herself in too far over her head; you know that she and her future husband (which, in teen pregnancy, is a luxury few can claim to have) are going to be facing these "difficulties" very soon. Like any parent, you believe in providing as much support as you possibly can, as well as a safe place to live during this "difficult" time for your pregnant daughter.

But what about the other pregnant teenagers? Those who don't have a strong (and wealthy) family support system? Those without somewhere to go? They're the ones who most desperately need this funding. But hey, they'll disappear into the cracks of society soon enough. And this slashing comes from someone who is not only a governor, but is being held as a representative of the Republican Party. Way to adhere to your own political platform.

And there's still more. Sarah Palin opposes abortion even in the case of rape or incest, and rather than believing in comprehensive sex education, she believes in abstinence-only education. I will never understand why conservatives oppose both abortion and contraceptive and STD education, but that's the topic for another rant and another day.

So here's someone who not only doesn't believe in abortion, even in cases of rape or incest, or sex education, but also has her very own pregnant teenage daughter. Palin should be a champion at campaigning for the all the teenage mothers who want to (or have to) carry their pregnancies to full-term and raise a child. Given her extremist views and how she doesn't want any abortions ever, you'd think that she'd allocate as much money to teenage mothers as possible, but what does she do? She cuts funding for a program that would help those who need it, but is aimed toward those who don't have the last name "Palin" and the luxuries that accompany it. This makes no sense!

There's nothing romantic or light about teen pregnancy. It's stressful, traumatic, difficult, isolating and it forces an overwhelming burden on someone who just cannot handle it. Think of people from your high school. How many of them really would make good mothers at this point in their lives? Probably none. Chances are good that a teen mother could really use some outside help, right? Needing assistance doesn't mean that they're bad people, it just means that, you know, children themselves aren't in the state to raise children. And for someone like Sarah Palin, who is absolutely opposed to both taking care of and preventing an unwanted pregnancy through the allowance of abortion or contraceptives, cutting this outside help isn't only irresponsible, it's callous, as well as hypocritical to an immeasurable degree.

I'm so tired of this conservative approach to sex education and abortion. If you're against abortion, that's great. Then don't have one and you've said all you need to. To me, the conservative view starts out as patronizing and then transitions to being downright cruel and cutthroat.

It seems as though when it comes to sex education, the Republican way of thinking is that these "kids" just aren't ready to learn about any options, save abstinence. Students in middle and high school are too young and immature to cope with/understand sexuality. If someone teaches them about birth control, they'll just get confused and/or they'll have sex and get pregnant. They're children, after all. Not adults. Basically, your politicians know what's best for you and your sex life. Does this sound a little patronizing to you?

But then if a girl makes a mistake and has sex and accidentally becomes pregnant, there's pretty much a 180 in attitude from the Republican Party. (Fact: Students who have experienced abstinence-only education are less likely to use birth control.)Suddenly this teenage girl is seen as a mature adult who can handle a pregnancy and raise a child. And then it becomes everyone else's pregnancy. She's now considered an adult, so she must have this baby, but because she's still a kid, she's in no place to decide whether or not if becoming a mother is what's best for her. This Simpsons quote rings true: "It's a uter-us, not a uter-you."

It doesn't make sense to me. It seems as though Sarah Palin isn't Pro-Life, it sounds like she's Pro-Birth. After the baby is born, she doesn't care what happens to these girls. Doesn't this sound a little cutthroat to anyone else?

So come on, Sarah Palin. Either provide the luxuries that you will be giving your pregnant daughter to every pregnant teenager or stop being such a hypocrite.

You are a boring person if you are bored

Tiffany Willits
UW-Stout student contributor

Nothing irritates me more then someone saying that Menomonie is boring during the school year. Don't get me wrong - Menomonie is no Florida or California, but with that being said, it is a smaller community with various events and college sports games going on. People just need to realize when events are happening. Many people complain that there is nothing to do after they finish their school work, but has anyone ever considered visiting a friend in a different dorm room, going to the gym for a late-night work out, getting a group together to eat pizza and watch a movie, having a dance party, taking a walk on the Red Cedar Trail, taking a fitness class or even going to eat somewhere besides the Pawn, Commons, or Tainter? Students' lives are only as boring as they make them.

When I was a freshman, I soon found out that many people go home on various weekends and that most people on campus have vehicles. If students truly cannot stand Menomonie and its glorious, crystal-clear lake, then I suggest hitching a ride with one of your friends who has a car and taking a trip to Eau Claire or to the cities; it is not that long of a drive. Remember, you only live once, so if you choose to take a midnight trip to the cities, by all means go ahead.

Everyone knows that UW-Stout is not a D-1 school, so athletic events are not always advertised well. I think that making sure everyone knows of the athletic activities going on is something that UW-Stout needs to work on, but at least the school Web site never fails to list the event schedules. I went to one gymnastics meet last year, and it was awesome. I don't know about you, but seeing people twisting their bodies and flipping around is pretty exciting. I would highly recommend attending at least one gymnastics meet this year, and bring a group of people with you. I really recommend going to any sporting event, even if you're not that interested. Show off some school spirit by decorating shirts or just by being an active fan!

With that being said, Menomonie is Menomonie. There are only so many activities that happen, but what a person chooses to do with themselves is their choice. In my opinion, don't go home every weekend, stick around and meet new people and try new things. By sticking around on campus, you will end up meeting some pretty awesome people, and friendship is something that can never be replaced. When you meet a group of people, chances are high that you can go to various events together. So take risks, try new things and remember that when you're bored, you're a boring person.

A diamond in the rough



Photo contributed by Jeremy Nelson

Maija Rusin
UW-Stout student contributor

Every day, University of Wisconsin-Stout students walk up and down Broadway St. going to class, meeting with friends for dinner and drinks or walking back to their homes and dorm rooms after a long day. Broadway is a very busy street filled with restaurants, small shops and fun places to go to with friends. But there is one stop along Broadway that is not so popular with UW-Stout students and the people of Menomonie. Some people look at it as a huge waste of space. Many people walk or drive by and hardly notice it even exists.

Right on the corner of 5th Ave E. and Broadway St. is a vacant lot with an extraordinarily large parking lot to go along with it. Since the summer of 2003, Leever's Grocery Store has been out of business, and for over five years there has been a huge abandoned piece of land on one of Menomonie's busiest streets, left to deteriorate and be forgotten. What has kept this place deserted for so long? When is anything ever going to happen to the huge empty warehouse and all those open parking spaces? Since I have attended school here, I have not heard of any plans or proposals for it. This seems to be quite the waste of space, leaving such a big building and so much open parking to sit there and age, to be of no benefit whatsoever. There is so much potential and good that can come from making use of it.

Menomonie is a small town full of college students who are in need of part-time and sometimes full-time jobs. These are students who want to go out and have fun with their friends and not necessarily be at a smoky bar or crazy house party. Menomonie needs a place where people can go for a variety of fun events and have new and exciting experiences when the same old grind starts to get boring. What kind of place could give people this kind of opportunity, and what would attract people enough to go there?

A night club/music venue could be the perfect opportunity for the community to host an assortment of events for students and young adults. A new club would provide a large amount of job opportunities for college students, and it would also give students a chance to get out and socialize in a brand new off-campus setting unlike any available in Menomonie. A space like the abandoned Leever's Grocery Store could be converted into a place where clubs and organizations can host fundraisers and banquets or where students can just dance the night away. Menomonie could then have a venue to host popular bands or music artists for amazing concerts, and the possibilities do not end there. There is so much good that can come from the use of an empty lot located on Broadway; it's just a matter of people taking initiative to get the ball rolling.

I am not a learned business major, so I am not quite sure what it would take to propose something like this to the community or how to find the investors needed for such an expensive proposal, but I do know that something great could come from turning that abandoned space into something useful such as a brand new club. With the help of all the talented and smart UW-Stout students, I think it would be easy to plant a seed of hope for our community. Talk to your peers and professors, get active in the community and discuss ideas with people who may be able to help. I think it is something worth thinking about, and I know I will be taking an active stance towards making what is currently a waste of space into a great opportunity for our community here in Menomonie. If you would like to discuss the topic more with me, please feel free to e-mail me at my campus address: Rusinm@uwstout.edu.

Friends with...benefits???

Diona Johnson
UW-Stout student contributor

We've all heard that awkward line before: "You're a great person, I'm just not really ready for a serious relationship right now."

After they confess their inability to commit, this statement is usually followed by, "But I enjoy what we're doing, maybe we can do it without the commitment part, you know, like…friends with benefits?"

If I got a college credit every time I heard about or have been told this line, I would be graduating not just once, but many times over. It is my belief that these proposals are the ones that have forever ruined the significance behind college relationships. Romance has been long lost, as well as common courtesy, holding the door open for the one behind you and the "ladies first" policy. Of course, there are exceptions, but why does something which at one time society deemed mandatory has now been made into an exception?

What is even more appalling is the amount of people from each gender group who are willing to settle for this because they think that there is nothing better out there for them. Everyone is doing it and it is better than being lonely, so why would anyone want anything more than an emotionless hook-up, right?

WAKE UP! There are far too many fish in the University of Wisconsin-Stout's sea to be settling for less. It is time to face the fact that you deserve better. You are so much more than that eleven o'clock at night call, and you are certainly worth more than that 7 a.m. walk of shame. If you are not good enough to be seen holding someone's hand in public, taken out to eat, or introduced to the person's friends, then the person is not good enough to take up space in your living quarters. Any excuses such as, "It is not a good time for me," or, "I would like to keep my options open," are red flags that you are dealing with a person who has commitment phobia and, assuming that you are looking for something more, you should run, not walk, away as soon as your heart allows you.

Now, this is no overnight transition. Everyone must slowly learn how to wean themselves out of these relationships. As disappointing as it is, these types of relationships can take months to get over. Typically, when you think that you are at your best and have given up this unhealthy lifestyle, you receive that late night "what are you up to?" text from your past, or worst of all, on a Saturday night when you really have nothing else to do and coincidentally have the room/house to yourself. Most of us have been down that road and can attest that fate has a funny way of dropping in and crapping on our success. If you slip once in a while, try to get yourself back on the path that is healthiest for you but it is also helpful to realize these two facts: 1) We are only human and make mistakes, and 2) The type of society we live in has caused us to become accustomed to this sense of urgency and convenience.

In a consumer-based society, "right now" and "convenience" are two very much sought-after terms. Is it any wonder that relationships are now starting to follow these same patterns? Everyone always wants a quick fix, a shortcut to the solution and something that is going to show quick results. We are so wrapped up in this "on-the-go" attitude that we start to conform not only our lifestyles, but our relationships into this mentality. Calling someone later has now become texting someone later. Love letters have become "thoughtful" emails, and a dozen roses are replaced with e-cards. Now I have nothing against takeout meals, but since when is it okay to take your relationship "to-go?"

We need to slow down, we need to think and we need to realize that we are worth more than being someone's disposable Kleenex at the end of the night or on weekends. Relationships are a powerful bonding between two people and deserve to be respected, not made a mockery of. Take time through dating and realize that things can be different - we just have to work a little harder for the benefits in life.

*Got an opinion on this? Go to **www.stoutonia.com** and let us know what you think.*

Mea Culpa - correction

The FieldTurf is greener on the other side

The original story published Sept. 4, 2008, had incorrectly stated the turf installation company and turf. ProGrass Synthetic Turf of Pittsburgh installed ProGrass turf.



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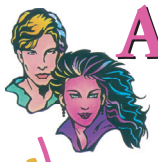
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Take a look at the Devil's Punch Bowl

Ileah Midthun
Entertainment Writer





Picture this: it's a bright sunny afternoon and you don't have any homework. Your professors felt that it would be nice to give you a day off from homework because it's such a gorgeous day. The only problem is that you can't think of anything to do! You call up your friends to see if they have any ideas…they don't. Then you remember that someone was talking about a place called the Devil's Punch Bowl.

The Devil's Punch Bowl is located about four miles outside of Menomonie. For those of you who don't know where it is take a left by Cenex, find county road P and take a left on it. After about three miles, turn left into a small dirt parking lot. After you park, walk straight until you see some stairs. At the bottom of the stairs is the Devil's Punch Bowl.

The Devil's Punch Bowl is known as the Grand Canyon of central Wisconsin. It is made of sandstone and sedimentary rock. There have been fossils found in the wall of this cavern. This park was previously owned by the University of Wisconsin—Stout and at that time was considered one of the favorite party spots for students in the 1900s. It is now owned by Wisconsin Farmland Conservancy of Menomonie.

The Devil's Punch Bowl is a great place to go at anytime of the day or year. Go with your friends or go by yourself. Whichever you prefer, make sure you bring your camera.



Blue Devil run/walk

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Do you like to run? How about walk? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then this is the event for you! It's the fourth annual Blue Devil Run/Walk.

This event takes place on Oct. 18 and registration starts at 8 a.m. There are a few different events, including a 10K run, a 5K walk shotgun (starting at 9 a.m.) and the 5K run shotgun (starting at 9:30 a.m.). This event is open to anyone in the community, students, faculty and staff.

The starting location for this event is on 3rd St. E. between the Sports and Fitness Center and the outdoor track. The race goes around the Red Cedar River and Lake Menomin.

There will be awards given to the first, second and third places in each event. Everyone will receive a free t-shirt for participating.

To find out more about registration and this event, you can visit www.uwstout.edu/univrec, contact Anoop Balachandran at extention 5390, e-mail at balachandrana@uwstout.edu, or you can stop by the recreations office in the Johnson Fieldhouse to pick up registration forms.

Registration before Oct. 8 is $15 for the 5K run/walk and $20 for the 10K run. Registration after Oct. 8 is $20 for the 5K run/walk and $25 for the 10K run.

Fact or Fable?

Reports of gnome sightings have been made near the Devil's Punch Bowl. The gnomes are said to have been running up hillsides and disappearing into the trees.

The water found in the Devil's Punch Bowl has been called "mystical," due to the fact that it never turns cloudy or dirty, no matter how old the water sample is.

Witnesses have reported a glowing orb of light near the entrance parking lot. The orb has also been said to enter and pass through vehicles.

Chop, dice, stir-fry, rice | Why stir-fry is better than ramen

Ashley Smolen
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Plain vegetables are boring. They hold no pizzazz, nothing that says "eat me!" Maybe that's why so many of us avoid them. Knowing the benefits of vegetables often seems much more satisfying than actually tasting those dreaded green things. Moreover, considering that actually making a meal takes more energy and time than grabbing a pizza from a to-go cart (that has tomatoes, right?), eating healthy falls into the black hole of good intentions.
Then comes stir-fry. Not only is stir-fry an incredibly fast way to make a meal, but it tastes so good, your taste buds think it can't possibly be healthy. Stir-fry offers more opportunities for variety and change than a bar on a Thursday night.
By picking up a few seasonal groceries, stir-fry can quickly become an every-night meal with every-night satisfaction.

Offthebroiler.wordpress.com suggests the following list of possible ingredients to start the stir-fry madness:

- Soy Sauce – Kikoman brand is a good quality, inexpensive option
- Oyster Sauce
- Sesame Oil
- Vegetable Oil - Stir fry blends which have a number of different oils in them are available in Asian supermarkets. Vegetable oil for frying also works.
- Chinese Rice Wine and/or Sherry
- Cornstarch — Mix this with a little bit of water to make a slurry for thickening the sauce.
- Dried Mushrooms
- Fresh Ginger
- Scallions (Green Onion)
- White Vinegar
- Canned or Fresh Bamboo Shoots
- Canned or Fresh Water Chestnuts

Optional ingredients:

- Chili Sauce
- Vietnamese or Thai Fish Sauce
- Vietnamese and Thai Soy Sauces
- Hoisin Sauce
- Rice, Cellophane and Egg Noodles
- Basmati, Jasmine and Medium-Grain Rices
- Firm and Seasoned/Pressed Tofu
- Sesame Seeds
- Fermented Black Beans for Black Bean Sauce
- Lemongrass
- Fresh Pineapple
- Chicken
- Shrimp
- Thinly sliced beef
- Portabella mushrooms



Photo taken from www.dallasnews.com

Summer Squash Stir-fry

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium zucchini, sliced
2 medium yellow squash, sliced
1 medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 large ripe tomato, peeled and chopped
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon salt

Preheat a large skillet or wok for about 1 minute at medium heat, then add olive oil and continue to heat for 1 minute. Add the zucchini and yellow squash, onion and garlic, and stir-fry for 2 minutes.

Add the remaining ingredients and reduce heat to simmer. Stirring occasionally, simmer 3 or 4 minutes or until vegetables are cooked, but not limp. Makes about 5 servings.

Summer Squash Stir-fry
Nutritional Info: Per serving, 88 calories, 2 g protein, 8 g carbohydrates, 6 g total fat, .8 g saturated fat, 0.0 g cholesterol, 34 mg calcium, 550 mg sodium.

Recipe taken from
www.texascooking.com

Instructions:

If using onions, sauté them in oil. Add the meat fry on a medium heat until done. Add the sturdy vegetables (carrots, squash etc); add the sauce, stock or coconut milk along with spices. Add the more delicate vegetables. If using Chow Mien noodles, add those, cover until noodles are done, about three minutes. Serve right away.

Think seasonal
Using seasonal vegetables ensures a stir-fry that's as delicious as it can be. Seasonalcooking.com offers the following list of season vegetables and general stir-fry tips:

Fall:
Bell Peppers
Chinese cabbage
Squash
Zucchini

Winter:
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Carrots
Leek

Spring:
Baby bok choy
Asparagus
Lemongrass
Spinach
Baby carrots
Green onions

Summer:
Bok Choy
Tomatoes
Onions
Celery

Metallica's new album, "Death Magnetic"

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Metallica's new album, *"*Death Magnetic*"*, mixes old Metallica style with shocking new elements that may make you wonder, "Is this really Metallica?"

*"*Death Magnetic*"* seems to be an attempt to return to Metallica's old style. After the 2003 release of *"*St. Anger*"*, some Metallica fans were left wondering if Metallica's original style of making music, last heard on *Metallica* (also known as *"*The Black Album*"*) in 1991, would ever surface again. *"*St. Anger*"* lacked the guitar solos that fans were used to, instead adding a snare drum that annoyed many fans. *"*St. Anger", which seemed like a total sell-out album, left some thinking that Metallica had seen its day.

However, it seems that Metallica fans can breathe freely again. Along with the return of the original Metallica logo, the guitar solos are back and the music sounds much more like the Metallica that fans remember from the '80s and early '90s.

Some may wonder if that is enough. Metallica's new songs are more repetitive. The songs on "Death Magnetic" lack the artistic variation that fans might be used to from older albums, such as "Welcome Home (Sanitarium)" or "Fade to Black." The most varied song, "The Unforgiven III," has all of the elements to be the best song on the album. Lyrics such as "How can I be lost if I've got nowhere to go?" and "How can I blame you when it's me I can't forgive?" make the listener think, and the amazing guitar solo pushes this song way above the rest. Possibly the most interesting thing about this song is the piano/orchestra intro, which could make a person disbelieve that they were listening to Metallica. This does not make the song bad in any way. I applaud Metallica for going in a different direction with this song while staying true to their original style. The only thing that is slightly eerie about this song is how much it sounds like "Creep" by Stone Temple Pilots. Check that out.

Something that is disappointing about the rest of the album is the use of boring lyrics. Metallica used to have such badass lyrics and now the lyrics just melt into the mold with the rest of the lyrics from bands that have nothing interesting to write about.

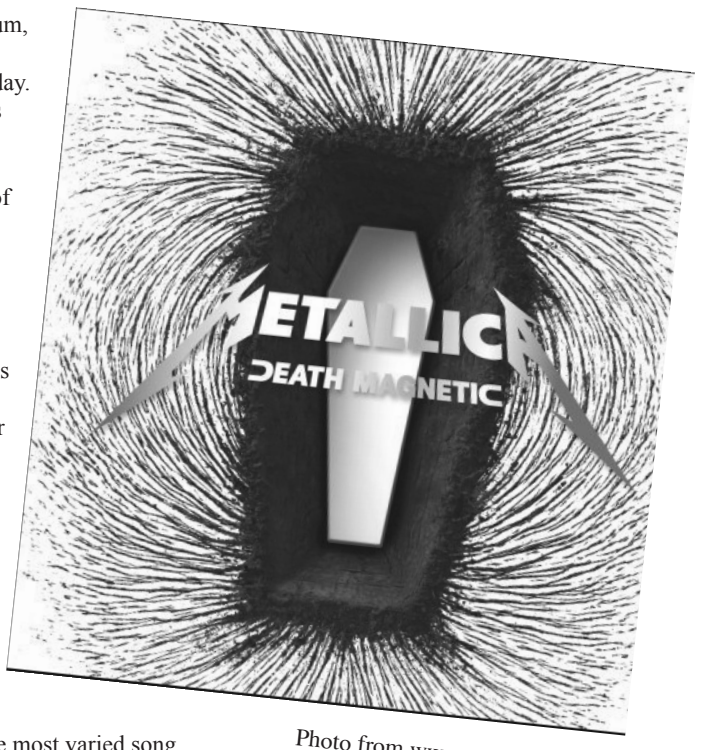


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The songs are certainly long enough. The shortest song on the album is "My Apocalypse," which is just over five minutes, and the longest song is "Suicide & Redemption," which is nearly 10 minutes long. Now, Metallica can pull off long songs, but usually those songs have to be so freaking interesting that you do not want the song to be over, even after seven minutes of it. After two minutes of "The End Of The Line," the next song could not come soon enough. After nearly six more minutes, "Broken, Beat & Scarred" decided to add to my disappointment with Metallica's newest album, aside from a sweet guitar solo after four grueling minutes.

Luckily, the next song on the album is Metallica's single, "The Day That Never Comes." This song does not disappoint, and it hoists the album up one hundred notches. This song was followed by songs like "All Nightmare Long" and "Cyanide," where the guitar riffs combined with heavy drums makes for steering wheel-slapping fun.

The band's website devoted to the album, www.missionmetallica.com, has videos and photographs of the making of *"*Death Magnetic*"*, along with much more. Metallica is definitely back to their old style, and the fans know it. *"*Death Magnetic*"* recently topped the charts, and finding the album in stores should not be hard.

Although all songs on *"*Death Magnetic*"* are written by James Hetfield, this is the first time in the band's history that every member has contributed to each song on the album. You would think that they would have some exciting lyrics to contribute.



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Football team: hot start to 2008 season

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Expectations were higher than they have been in recent years for the Blue Devil's football team, after it finished last season 4-6 and just out of the Division III playoff picture. This is the second year for head coach Duey Naatz, and he is looking forward to further enhancing the chemistry of the team to increase the likelihood of success this season.

When looking at the roster for the Blue Devils, many positions were last year's returning starters or players who had significant playing time at their respective positions. One of the positions that was lacking experience was the running back position where the leading returning rusher was senior tailback Ron Fricke with 272 yards. After the first two games of the season, which included victories over Menlo College and Jamestown College, the running back position seems to be a position of strength with the arrivals of two outstanding freshmen, Craig Warminski and Trevor Fiege. Not only do they bring power to the running game, but also some local attitude as Warminski is a Stanley native and Fiege played high school football for the Menomonie Indians.

The first game of the season was played at the home field of Menlo College in Atherton, California. This was game two of a home-and-away series played between the two teams; the University of Wisonsin-Stout won last year's game 24-19 in Menomonie. From the start of the game, conditioning was going to play a big factor as temperatures on the field at kickoff were hovering around 100 degrees. After a back-and-forth first quarter in which both teams traded punts, UW-Stout was finally able to get on the board with two minutes left in the first quarter when new starting quarterback Kyle Provos hit tight end Patrick Menglekoch for a 16-yard touchdown to give UW-Stout a 7-0 lead.

This lead would not be held for long, though, as Menlo gave the Blue Devil defense a heavy dose of the run through their running back Shaun Souza as he capped a short drive with a two yard touchdown run to tie the game 7-7. This would be the last scoring either team saw until the overtime period as both defenses toughened up and would not allow either offense the chance to get into a rhythm.

As overtime got started, Menlo College started with the ball. This was to the advantage of UW-Stout because it gave them a chance to see what kind of work their offense needed to put in once the defense finished their series. College overtime rules differ slightly than the National Football League overtime rules in that both teams are given an opportunity with the football. In college, both teams start from the opponents' 25-yard line and are given an opportunity to score. If the starting offense fails to score, then any points the opposing offense would score would result in a victory for that team. In the NFL, the first team to score wins.
Back to the games overtime action; Menlo College was first on offense and they looked to punch it into the end zone once again as a UW-Stout penalty gave Menlo the ball on the three yard line, but the defense held their own and Menlo College was only able to come away with a field goal. Now it was the Blue Devils turn as their offense took the field and set the stage for a certain freshman's heroics. After a first down completion to fullback Jacques Ince, all UW-Stout needed to do was ride the legs of Warminski as he bullied his way into the end zone after four strong carries to win the game for Stout 13-10 in the first overtime. A tough win 2,500 miles away from home is just what UW-Stout needed to get the season off on the right note.

As the home opener against Jamestown College approached, the Blue Devils were excited to play in front of their home crowd for the first time this season. As kickoff approached, the weather was slightly different than in California: was about 60 degrees and raining slightly. This game featured the high, powered offense of Jamestown whose quarterback, Josh Kittel, had an electrifying opening game in which he threw for 375 yards and six touchdowns to earn conference player of the week honors. The inclement weather, along with a motivated UW-Stout defense, was just enough to derail the high, powered offense of Jamestown.

UW-Stout won the coin toss and chose to receive. Their offense looked as efficient as ever in setting the pace with a 12-play drive that culminated in a field goal by multi-purpose kicker Kyle Martin. He earns this multi-purpose distinction by kicking field goals, punting and lining up at wide receiver. The 3-0 lead for UW-Stout was just the beginning as that field goal openned up the floodgates for the offense. Following this drive, the offense was not able to produce any points but after lining up in shotgun formation on fourth down, Kyle Provos punted the ball and it was downed at the Jamestown two yard line to give the UW-Stout defense an excellent opportunity to pounce. The furthest Jamestown could get was their own 23 yard line and they turned the ball over after only a nine yard punt. This gave UW-Stout prime field position and, after only two plays, Kyle Provos ripped through the heart of the Jamestown defense for a 34-yard burst that gave Stout a 10-0 lead.

As the second quarter got underway, the offense was running on all cylinders This was quite evident as Provos completed touchdown passes of 21 and 25 yards to Patrick Mengelkoch and Eric Cieslak, respectively. As the chilly and rainy first half came to a close, the Blue Devils held a commanding 24-0 lead. Since UW-Stout opened up the game with the ball, Jamestown received the second half kickoff and responded promptly with a scoring drive of their own, which ended in a 20-yard pass from QB Kittel to Josh Ewalt. They attempted a two-point conversion but UW-Stout again showed their goal line toughness, the score now 24-6. Stout responded on the following drive by pushing its lead to 21 points following Kyle Martin's second field goal of the game. The two teams then traded punts before the Jamestown offense scored another touchdown, making the score 27-13 in favor of the Blue Devils. The touchdown would prove to be the final points scored for Jamestown College in this contest.

The fourth quarter saw the productive UW-Stout offense score 10 additional points which came through Provos' third touchdown toss of the day and Martin's third field goal of the day. As the clock read zero, the final score was UW-Stout 37, Jamestown 13. Even though he did not reach the end zone, a lot of the offenses productivity was provided by the tough running of the aforementioned Fiege. The 215-pound freshman rumbled his way to his first career 100 yard rushing day on only 10 carries. This was highlighted by a 42-yard run at the end of the third quarter. If the Blue Devils are able to play with this kind of team mentality for the rest of the season, the sky is the limit.



Photograph by Bruce Demorrow
Senior defensive back Jake Pomputis readies for a Jamestown College play.



Kyle Provos

This six-foot-one-inch junior quarterback is from Champlin Park, Minn. In Provos's senior year in high school he was an all-conference player in football, hockey and baseball. In his spare time he enjoys playing softball, Xbox and watching movies.

The Blue Devil football team is off to a great start thanks to the arm and legs of Provos. When UW-Stout played Jamestown College on Sept. 13, Provos threw for only 101 yards but managed to complete three touchdown passes to one interception. At the end of the first quarter Provos broke away from the line of scrimmage and ran for a 34-yard touchdown.

Provos ended the game 12-for-19 passing, with 101 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. He also ran eight times, netting 40 rushing yards and a touchdown. The UW-Stout football team plays its next game at home against Missouri S&T on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.



Volleyball starts season on a losing note

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's volleyball team is starting its season off on a losing note with a record of 2-8 with its most recent loss coming from the College of St. Scholastica on Sept. 16 three games to one.

The Blue Devils were able to pull out a 26-24 win in the first game. St. Scholastica took the next three games with scores of 13-25, 21-25, and 24-26. UW-Stout did have a five-point lead in the fourth game but St. Scholastica fired back to win the game in overtime. Since moving to the outside sophomore Steph Nichols had one of her strongest matches. She ended the game with 19 kills and no errors. She also hit a .655 clip and was the only UW-Stout player to hit in the double digits.

The Blue Devils dropped all four games of the tournament that they hosted Sept. 12 and 13. In the first day of the tournament UW-Stout lost to Viterbo University in only three sets with scores of 25-13, 25-19 and 25-22. Senior Maggie Meixl was the only Blue Devil to hit in the double digits with 10.

In the second match of the day, UW-Stout faced the University of Minnesota-Morris, losing in five sets with scores of 23-25, 12-25, 23-25, 16-25 and 9-15. Meixl had 19 kills, Nichols and junior Jenna Swanson added in 13. Sophomore Kim Labat had 50 assists as a setter.

In the second day of the tournament in the opening match, the Blue Devils faced Luther College and lost three sets to one with scores of 22-25, 26-24, 17-25, and 21-25. Swanson and freshman Sara Kjos each had ten kills while Meixl had 34 kills and three blocks. Labat recorded all 39 of the Blue Devils assists.

UW-Stout faced the Dakota State Trojans in the final match of the tournament. The Blue Devils lost two games to three with tight scores of 25-17, 20-25, 25-10, 14-25 and 18-20. Nichols added 10 kills on 33 attacks. Swanson added in 12 kills and Meixl had 11 kills with a game-best hitting percentage of .440. Junior Alicia Mizer led UW-Stout in digs with 19 and freshman Kristie Lakatos added 16. Meixl was the only Blue Devil to be named to the all-tournament team.

The Blue Devils traveled to Colorado Sept. 5 and 6 to play in a two-day tournament in which they took third place. On the first day of the tournament, UW-Stout faced the University of Texas-Dallas in three games with scores of 18-25, 18-25, and 7-25. In the second match of the opening day the Blue Devils were to face the host Colorado College. They lost again in only three games with scores of 12-25, 9-25, and 19-25. Meixl led the Blue Devils in both games scoring seven kills against UT-Dallas and six kills against Colorado.

In the second day of the tournament, the Blue Devils had better luck, coming out 2-0 and taking third place in the tournament. In both matches of the day, UW-Stout played George Fox University. In the first match it took the Blue Devils five games to put GFU away with scores of 25-19, 20-25, 25-22, 21-25, and 15-10. Meixl was the leader of the Blue Devils with 16 kills, four solo blocks and five block assists. Freshman Klare Kalepp added in 14 kills, Nichols had 12 kills and Swanson had 10 kills. Labat also added in 53 assists.

After their first victory of the season, the Blue Devils had to face GFU minutes later to play for third place in the tournament. This time around, it only took four games to put GFU away with scores of 25-22, 14-25, 25-19, and 25-23. Meixl had 12 kills and two solo blocks. Nichols added in 12 kills. Meixl and Mizer were also named to the all-tournament team.

While the Blue Devils gave St. Catherine's a run for their money Sept. 10, UW-Stout was not able to pull off the win, losing the match two games to three with scores of 25-21, 22-25, 25-22, 19-25, and 5-15. After winning the first game, UW-Stout was up 10-2 in the second game but after committing ten ball errors, St. Catherine's fired back to win. Meixl had a team high of 19 kills, seven solo blocks and five block assists. Swanson added ten kills for the Blue Devils.

UW-Stout will open Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play Friday, Sept. 19 when they play the University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh at Oshkosh and then will travel Sept. 20 to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.



Photograph by Dan Nelson
Senior middle hitter Maggie Meixl anticipates an upcoming slam by St. Catherine.

Stout women's soccer team trudges along

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the season continues to unfold, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team continues making strides in its quest for a successful season. They took a step in the right direction by facing a tough St. Norbert College squad, bringing them to the edge of victory without actually achieving the feat.

The contest ended tied 2-2 at the end of two overtimes. The goal tending was performed exceptionally well by Taylor Randle who stepped up her game in overtime, rejecting all four shots sent her way.

The overall teamwork and chemistry of this year's Blue Devils is definitely taking a turn in the right direction as both goals scored were the result of assists from Grace Salwasser and Katie Ness. Completing the business transaction on both ends of the assists was Jessica Price, who picked up her first and second goals of the season.

Even though the game did not end in the desired victory, it was an excellent contest from the perspective that the team grew as a whole. This momentum would shift over to the next game against Lawrence University.

Entering the game against a winless Lawrence squad gave the Blue Devils an opportunity to record their first win of the season and this was an opportunity that they would not relinquish. The assist recorded by Ness in the previous game was just a glimpse of her offensive production. When the game was all said and done, Ness recorded the first hat-trick of her career and UW-Stout picked up its first victory with a 3-1 score.

The teamwork was again evident as the first two goals were assisted by Cassie Palokangas and Kaitlin Arjes. Ness took matters into her own hands on the unassisted third and final goal.

The final two road games on their opening six-game road trip did not quite go as planned but the team showed that every time they take the field, they are playing to win. They were facing a 3-0 deficit against Bethel College in the 70th minute when Salwasser took a pass from Palokangas and placed it between the goal posts for a score. The comeback attempt was on and they continued to battle back with another goal by Palokangas in minute 81.

The attempt was for naught though as the Bethel College defense tightened up to prevent a come-from-behind victory by the Blue Devils. While they fell just short, they showed each other that they are capable of coming from behind when things seemed impossible.

In the conference-opening match against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the Blue Devils were clearly displaying the fatigue that is associated with a six-game road trip. They were outshot 34-6 and gave up six goals while scoring none themselves for a final score of 6-0.

This was their conference opener and while it may not have gone the way they wanted, it signaled the end to a long road trip and some much-needed rest before the home opener against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Women's golf starts season at Midwest Classic



Photograph by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout Senior Molly Loney tees off at the Whitetail Golf Course.

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team finished 11th of 15 teams on Sept. 13 and 14 at the Division III Midwest Classic Invitational in Ham Lake, Minn.

After day one of the tournament, senior Molly Loney was tied for 18th place with two other players from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Loney shot an 87. Freshman Kristine Connell, playing as an individual, shot a 95 and was tied for 58. Sophomore Morgan Loney shot a 96 and was tied for 64th. Freshman Alyssa Riemenschneider was tied for 69th after shooting a 97.

Play was allowed on the second day of the tournament even after all the rain from the previous night. After day two of the tournament, five of the seven Blue Devil players dropped their scores from the first day. After dropping 12 strokes, junior Kelsey Treptow (101-89) finished 60th along with teammate Riemenschneider (97-93) with a two-day total of 190.

Morgan Loney took off nine strokes and scored an 87 on the second day of the tournament, to finish in a tie for 44th with a two day-day total of 183. Molly Loney was the top finisher for the Blue Devils, with a total of 180 and tied for 39th, scoring a 93 on the second day of the tournament to finish.

UW-Stout finished in front of fellow Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference team the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons.

The Blue Devils will continue its season Sept. 20 and 21 at the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational at the Ironwood Golf Club. Then UW-Stout will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Sept. 27 and 28 to participate in the UW-Stevens Point Invitational.

Women's track sent three athletes to NCAA Division III Nationals

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

To close out the 2007-08 outdoor women's track and field season, the University of Wisconsin-Stout sent three competitors, sophomores Sam Mayer and Ashlea Peter and junior Pam Sellberg to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III outdoor championships.

After two days of competition the Blue Devils were tied for 15th place. When the competition was over, UW-Stout was tied for 33rd with four other schools.
Mayer was a 2008 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference outdoor champion in the high jump. She competed in the high jump and discus. She was seeded ninth in the high jump and 14th in the discus. In the 2007 season, Mayer placed ninth at nationals in the discus. In her 2008 nationals appearance she wasn't able to make the opening high jump height of five feet two and one half inches. Mayer went on to place 15th in the discus with 141 feet three inches.
Peter was a two-time WIAC outdoor champion in the triple jump. After placing fifth in the outdoor conference championships she earned All-American honors. This was Peter's second trip to the NCAA nationals. She placed 12th in the 2007 season and seated 4th for the 2008 season. She placed 17th with 35 feet and seven and one-quarter inches.

Sellberg was both the indoor and outdoor conference championships in the 2008 season. She also holds the current school record. This was Sellberg's first trip to the outdoor nationals and she was seeded sixth. She placed second at the nationals and set a new school record with a vault of twelve feet and six and one–quarter inches.

The women's track and field team will begin its 2008-2009 season Jan. 10 at the Northwest open at the University of Minnesota.

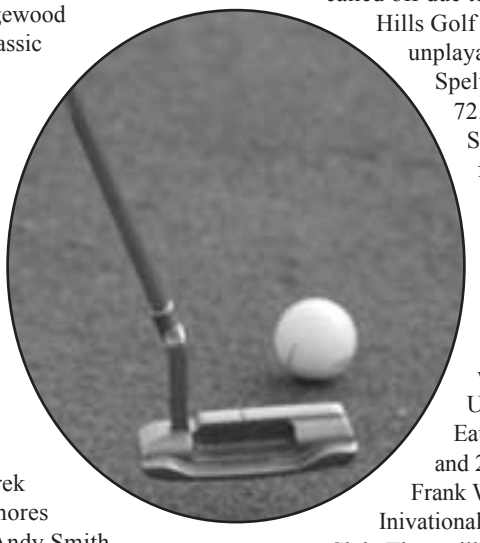
Men's golf starts season at Edgewood Culver's Classic

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team opened its season Sept. 13 and 14 at the Edgewood College Culver's Classic Invitational.

After the first wet day of the tournament, the Blue Devils were leading the pack. The team was ahead by four strokes with host Edgewood College behind. Junior Paul Speltz was in a three-way tie for first after shooting a 72. Junior Derek Holmes and sophomores Garret Larson and Andy Smith all scored 74s. Smith was competing as an individual. Sophomore Sheldon Haedtke penciled in a 75 and sophomore Deiter Zuehlke scored a 78. Freshman Ethan Schmitz scored an 80 playing as an individual.
The second day of the tournament was called off due to rain, and the Yahara Hills Golf Club was declared unplayable. After a tiebreaker Speltz took second with a 72. Holmes, Larson and Smith all finished in fourth after shooting a 74. Haedtke finished ninth scoring a 78. Six of the seven UW-Stout players finished in the top 20.

The Blue Devils will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Sept. 21 and 22 to participate in the Frank Wigglesworth Blugold Inivational at the Hillcrest Country Club. They will close out the fall season at the Twin Cities Classic Sept. 27-29.



Photograph by Layne Pitt

Sports Fact: The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL) are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Volleyball

Record: 2-8
On Sept. 16 the women's volleyball team faced off against St. Scholastica. The Blue Devils won the first set but were unable to keep up with St. Scholastica. UW-Stout held a five-point lead in the final set, but the St. Scholastica Saints came back to win the set and eventually the match in overtime. UW-Stout lost the match 3-1. The Blue Devils open Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play this weekend when they face off against UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater.
Next game: (Away) At UW-Oshkosh on Friday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Soccer
Record: 2-4-1
The Blue Devil soccer team opened its Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play when it faced off against UW-Stevens Point on Sept. 13. UW-Stevens Point scored six goals on 34 shots. UW-Stout, however, was held scoreless with a mere six shots on goal. Sophomore Jessica Price led the Blue Devils with four shots and freshman Taylor Randle recorded 13 saves in the goal. UW-Stout looks to improve their record as they face off against UW-Platteville and the University of Dubuque this weekend.
Next game: (Home) Against UW-Platteville on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1 p.m.



Blue Devil Football

Record: 2-0
The Blue Devil football team is off to a great start, defeating both of its first two opponents. On Sept. 13, UW-Stout played against Jamestown College in its first home game of the season. The Blue Devils had a huge day on the ground when they rushed for 274 yards as a team. UW-Stout's quarterback, Kyle Provos, put up big numbers as well, throwing for three touchdowns. Provos also had a late first quarter run of 34 yards for a touchdown, UW-Stout's only rushing touchdown of the game. UW-Stout defeated Jamestown College 37-13.
Next game: (Home) Against Missouri S&T on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.

UW-Stout football team starts season undefeated, women's soccer team beats UW-River Falls 3-0 at home, women's cross country earns 5th place at UW-Whitewater Invite



NOTICE
Notice of Review Period & Public Meeting
Environmental Impact Assessment
Hovlid Hall Renovation and Addition Project
University of Wisconsin - Stout
Menomonie, WI

The Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of State Facilities has retained Cedar Corporation to complete data collection and an environmental analysis to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report related to the proposed Hovlid Hall Renovation and Addition project, in accordance with sec. 1.11 Wis. Stats. An EIA evaluates adverse and positive environmental, social, economic, biological, archeological, and other impacts a proposed action may have.

This proposed action involves: renovation of 26,400 ASF/39,400 GSF of Hovlid Hall's interior to include double rooms, kitchen and lounge areas, restrooms, update of inadequate infrastructure, and installation of a passenger elevator to improve accessibility; exterior roof, door and window replacement, masonry work; and a physical connection to Fleming Hall with central desk and lobby area. A 10,100 ASF/14,300 GSF dining hall addition on the west side of Hovlid Hall will provide modern food service, a convenience store, and informal meeting facilities that will serve 860 students living on UW-Stout's North Campus.

Construction of the addition is targeted to start in May 2009, followed by the renovation, with occupancy slated for August 2010.

Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment will be available for public review beginning September 9, 2008 at the following locations during normal hours of operation:

1. Menomonie Public Library, 600 Wolske Bay Road, Menomonie, Wisconsin.
2. Robert S. Swanson Learning Center, 315 10th Avenue, Menomonie, Wisconsin.

An electronic version of the document is also available for viewing or downloading at:
www.cedarcorp.com/links.htm

On behalf of the UW System, Cedar Corporation will facilitate a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008, in Room 141 of the Jarvis Hall Science Wing, which is located at 410 10th Avenue East, Menomonie, Wisconsin. Parking is available on the east side of Jarvis Hall in Lot 18.

Following a brief presentation of the project and potential impacts, the meeting will be opened to accept public input. An opportunity to provide written comments will also be provided. You are encouraged to attend the public meeting and offer your comments. Interested individuals or groups who are not able to attend the meeting should submit comments by Noon on September 25, 2008, to:

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Community

Thursday, September 18

Free Ice Cream Event
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cobblestone Court, MSC

Applied Science Speaker Series
11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Room 141, Jarvis Hall Science Wing

International Students – How to Find a Co-op/Internship Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Tuesday, September 23

Steak Night
4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commons,
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tainter

How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, September 24

How to Prepare for the Career Conference Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Women's Climbing Night
Cost: free for members,
$5 for non-members
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Thursday, September 25

How to Prepare for the Career Conference Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Environmental Impact Assessment for Hovlid Hall Renovation
6 p.m.
Room 141, Jarvis Hall Science Wing

Saturday, September 27

Art/ Design Raffle Drawing
11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Furlong Gallery, Applied Arts

Tuesday, September 30

Interviewing Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, October 1

How to Prepare for the Career Conference Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Entertainment

Thursday, September 18

Open Mic Night
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Saturday, September 20

Trip to Minnesota Renaissance Festival
Leave 9 a.m. – return 6:30 p.m.
Leave from MSC

Thursday, September 25

MC/VL with Mel Gibson and the Pants
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, September 26

Sex and the City
7 p.m.
Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, October 1

For the Bible Tells Me So
7 p.m.
Room 210, Applied Arts

Athletics

Friday, September 19

Volleyball at UW-Oshkosh
7 p.m.
Oshkosh, WI

Tennis at ITA Tournament
St. Peter, MN

Saturday, September 20

Volleyball at UW-Whitewater
Noon
Whitewater, WI

Soccer vs. UW-Platteville
1 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Football vs. Missouri S&T
6 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Women's Golf at Illinois Wesleyan Invite
Normal, IL

Tennis at ITA Tournament
St. Peter, MN

Sunday, September 21

Soccer vs. University of Dubuque
2 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Tennis at ITA Tournament
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Women's Golf at Illinois Wesleyan Invite
Normal, IL

Men's Golf at Frank Wigglesworth Blugold Invite
Eau Claire, WI

Monday, September 22

Men's Golf at Frank Wigglesworth Blugold Invite
Eau Claire, WI

Friday, September 26

Tennis at UW-River Falls
3:30 p.m.
River Falls, WI

Volleyball at Viterbo Tournament
La Crosse, WI

Saturday, September 27

Women's and Men's Cross Country at Roy Griak Invitational
Women's: 9:45 a.m.
Men's: 10:30 a.m.
Minneapolis, MN

Tennis vs. Bethel University
11 a.m.
Menomonie, WI

Soccer at UW-Oshkosh
2 p.m.
Oshkosh, WI

Women's Golf at UW-Steven's Point Invite
Steven's Point, WI

Men's Golf at Twin Cities Classic
Elk River, MN

Volleyball at Viterbo Tournament
La Crosse, WI

Sunday, September 28

Women's Golf at UW-Steven's Point Invite
Steven's Point, WI

Men's Golf at Twin Cities Classic
Ramsey, MN

Monday, September 29

Men's Golf at Twin Cities Classic
Bloomington, MN

Tuesday, September 30
Volleyball at Northwestern College
7 p.m.
St. Paul, MN

Wednesday, October 1

Soccer at Gustavus Adolphus
7 p.m.
St. Peter, MN



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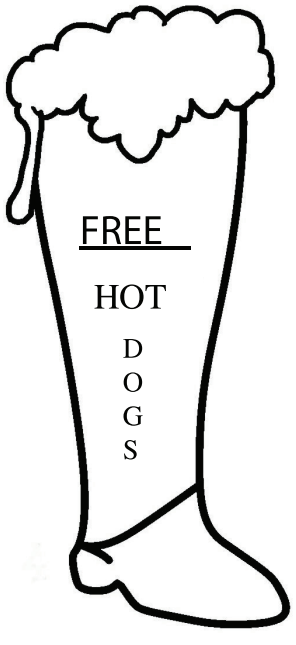
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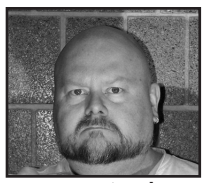
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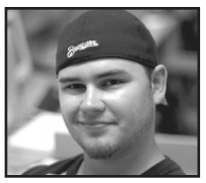
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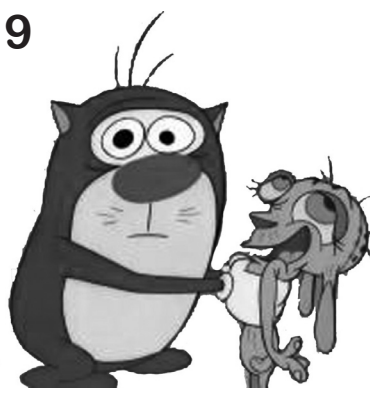
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United Council: A $32,000 referendum

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout students' votes will decide whether participation in the United Council is still worth spending $32,000 a year out of tuition.

On April 12, 2007, UW-Stout students voted yes on a referendum asking if the University of Wisconsin-Stout should become a member of the United Council of UW Students. On September 9, 2008, the University Student Senate of the Stout Student Association voted unanimously in favor of having another referendum to be held Thursday, Oct. 9.

"UC has the potential to make a major difference," said Micheal Lubke, Stout's student body president. "The idea behind UC is great, but going in we knew there were internal issues to resolve."

United Council, or UC as it is more commonly referred to, is essentially the collective student government body of the UW System. UW campuses may choose to be members of UC, and in doing so agree to have each student pay a mandatory refundable fee of two dollars per semester. With roughly 8,000 students enrolled at Stout, that makes a grand total of about $32,000 a year. The question is: Where has this money gone, and is our membership worth continuing? This will be for the students to decide.

According to UC's history webpage, students from across the UW System came together in 1960 to form one, unified voice. Presumably, this unified voice, or UC, of UW Students would be a stronger voice taken more seriously by the Wisconsin Legislature, the Board of Regents and Wisconsin residents.

When Stout became a member campus, Lubke, like much of Stout's University Student Senate, believed that "if joining UC could help keep the cost of tuition down and access to an affordable education a reality, the effort would be worth it."

Lubke pointed out that over the past year, UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh have dropped out of the UC and although UW-Milwaukee passed a referendum to drop out, it was overruled due to failure to notify UC of the referendum in time. "United Council no longer represents a majority of the 13 four-year UW System schools, and the reputation of United Council has suffered with the state legislature and UW Board of regents," Lubke stated.

According to Lubke, although all 13 two-year colleges are currently members of UC, only six of the 13 four-year universities remain which does not comprise a unified voice. Furthermore, at the last UC General Assembly only thirteen of the nineteen member campuses showed up—an occurrence, Lubke says, that is all too common.

So what makes Stout's membership worth $32,000 a year? UC President Josh Mann stated that "UC is committed to working on issues of access and affordability," and that "it is important that we not only make sure students can get in and pay for school, but that they experience a high quality of education and safe student life."

Mann went on to say that there "continues to be deliberate attacks on certain populations including women, people of color and LGBTQ students" and that "any infringement on a student's right to access [and] affordability…is a core issue to this organization."

In fact, the Corporate Bylaws—the document which defines UC—lists protecting and defending "quality and accessibility of higher education" as the number one purpose of the organization. What, then, is causing schools to drop out of UC? What issues are dividing our potentially unified student voice?



Photo submitted by Andrew Barrette
UW Students at a United Council event in Oct. of 2007 urging WI state legislators to pass the 2007-2009 biennial budget by Nov. 1.

Chad Johnson, a UW-Milwaukee student who lost the race for UC President by a mere two votes, blamed UC's "enormous agenda," observing that "an increasing number of students are on the brink of being priced out of education, and solving this problem should take priority over the many other divisive activities UC utilizes its resource base for.

"If students can't even afford to go to public universities, these other causes inevitably become moot points," Johnson said .

Lubke gave a similar response, stating that "the main issues of access and affordability facing the average student are not addressed to the magnitude needed."

"UC provides many services and opportunities to students from Stout and for all students across the state," Mann said, listing examples including eight full-time staff, conferences such as Building Unity, Women's Leadership, LGBTQ Summit, a Multicultural Conference and a Student Leadership Retreat, as well as parliamentary procedure trainings, backward training, media techniques, leadership development, and voter registration.

At a time of critically low state investment in higher education, UC covers issues ranging from environmental issues, to gender identity, women's issues, multicultural issues and sexuality issues all on top of the core issues of affordability and access. Does UC have the capacity for such a wide focus?

Johnson expressed his opinion on the issue saying that, "At a time of massive economic unrest, UC needs to narrow its focus to issues that all students feel they can relate to." This, Johnson stated, "leaves UC a group doing a lot of things mediocre, instead of a few things successfully."

Indeed, at UC's June General Assembly, Colleene Thomas and Kevin Opgenorth, the two students appointed by Governor Doyle to serve on the UW System Board of Regents, expressed a shared belief that state-funded reinvestment in higher education is an issue in itself large enough for UC to potentially dedicate all its time and resources to.

While Mann claims that UC has won victories such as veterans' tuition remission, a tuition freeze for two year UW's gender neutral bathrooms, Johnson and Lubke spoke skeptically of such victories, pointing out that they may often be attributable to influences outside of UC.

Democratic state assemblyman Gordon Hintz addressed UC in April 2007, pointing out that even if UC does have the time and resources to rally behind all of these reasonable concerns, the state only has so much money to allocate. Hintz recommended UC be cautious in its budgetary demands in order to be sure student concerns are taken seriously.

So where do we go from here? Although UC's future may be unclear, Stout students will determine our future in the organization shortly. Cast your vote Oct. 9.

How to vote

What: United Council Referendum
When: Thursday, Oct. 9
Who: All UW-Stout Students
How: Students will receive and cast their ballot via the Stout webmail system.

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Hovlid Hall's makeover

Alyssa Anttila
Staff Writer

In the next couple years, students on north campus will notice a huge change; Hovlid Hall will be completely renovated and updated, along with a new state-of-the-art dining facility to replace Tainter that will be attached to Hovlid Hall. In addition to that, construction plans include connecting Hovlid and Flemming Hall together with a central entrance.

"We are doing a complete renovation of the interior and exterior of Hovlid Hall," said Campus Planner George Acker. "It will have better heating, ventilation, restrooms with more privacy, more kitchen space and better network connections."

The renovation will also help Hovlid Hall become more energy efficient.

"By replacing the windows, light fixtures, and plumbing, we will be saving money and minimizing energy costs," said Acker. "The new building will be much better than what we have now."

Hydrogenologist Matt Taylor from Cedar Corporations in Menomonie stressed the new building area will include a lot more green space than is currently on site. Campus plans include adding more shrubbery around the dorms and grassy areas for students to relax. The architect, Thomas Hanley and campus planners worked together to minimize the environmental damage that could occur due to construction.

The new dining facility will be built in the existing parking lot across from Hovlid Hall. The dining facility is estimated to seat over 190 students along with more space to sit outside. The elimination of this parking lot may cause some parking inconveniences for students on North Campus, but Acker reassured students that other parking alternatives will be available along with additional lots.

Other disruptions that may occur include noise, trucks coming in and out and dust. Several other construction projects will be occurring at the same time, but the locations of these projects are spread out.

Construction on the new dining facility is expected to begin in May 2009 followed by the renovation of Hovlid Hall in January of 2010. Students that will be graduating in December of 2009 will be given priority to live in Hovlid Hall for the fall semester. Any students remaining in the hall after the fall semester will be relocated to a different dorm as the interior construction of the hall begins.

Acker said the feedback reading the construction of the new dining facility and renovation has been mostly positive.

"Students are liking some of the new things that will be coming. Bright colors and different textures," said Acker. "They look at Red Cedar Hall and want those things. It's all been generally positive."

Currently, the project is in the "design and development stage," said Acker. "The design is pretty much set. "We are just working out the details which will occur over the next few months."

Once the details are worked out, contract bidding for the construction of the facility will open in February of 2009.

The renovation and addition of the new dining facility doesn't come cheap. The project is expected to cost around $12.4 million dollars. Although this will be an expensive project, Terri Reda, Environmental Affairs Officers for the University of Wisconsin System, is optimistic about what the new project will bring to the community.

"Construction will have a positive impact on campus," said Reda. "It will help create jobs, construction workers will utilize hotels, restaurants and bring revenue to the community."

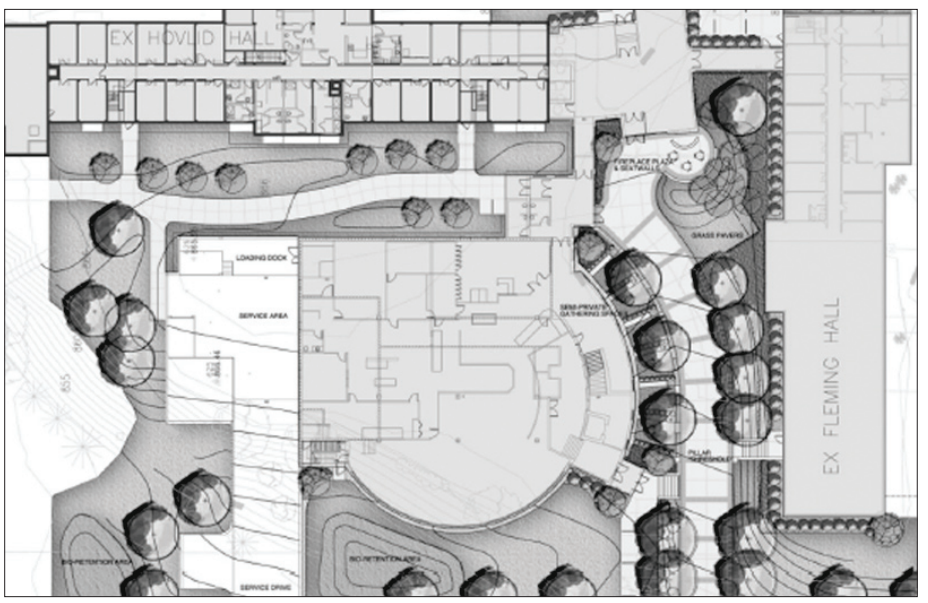


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Hovlid Hall, located on North campus, will be renovated in January 2010, following the creation of a new dinig facility in its parking lot set to start May 2009.

Did you see that YouTube?

Anne Kressin
Staff Writer

Robert Halligan was only 13 when he committed suicide on October 7, 2003. According to a Frontline Special, Robert's father later discovered that cyber bullying had greatly influenced his son's death. Almost five years later, students in the Ally Center of the University of Wisconsin-Stout heard and discussed Robert's story during the weekly event "Did You See That YouTube?"



Photo submitted by Anne Kressin

Jasmine Patzner, creator of "Did You See That YouTube?," wanted to create an event that would get people discussing important issues. Patzner sees this project as "a way to get a different messages across."

Its organizer, Jasmine Patzner, started this project with the goal of getting people together to open their minds and mouths in the consideration of overlooked issues. A fifth-year senior, Patzner felt this week's video selection was an important one. "The reason I wanted to show it is because cyber bullying is getting much bigger and people don't know what to do about it," Patzner said. "Instead of getting pushed around in the hallway, it goes to the computer."

Patzner came up with this project after spending lots of time at the Ally Center at UW-Stout when a close friend worked there. "I was interested in doing something different," Patzner said. "Did You See That YouTube?" has been running since the beginning of the semester and Patzner is happy with the results. Every week she sees new people walk through the door. Trevor Gronning, a senior, has been attending for the past couple weeks for a class. "The time goes by really fast and the videos are short and sweet," Gronning said.

This year, "Did You See That YouTube?" will cover a variety of topics, from disability to diversity. When it comes to the videos, Patzner states, "You get the good, the bad and the ugly, and you talk about it."

"Did You See That YouTube?" meets every Monday at 9 p.m. in the Ally Center of the MSC.



Three's company | Freshmen dorms bringing everyone closer...literally

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

Imagine you're a freshman, excited to go to college, meet new people and finally know what it's really like to be truly independent. You have already gone out to buy your precious dorm furniture, essentials and junk. You also bought other things that you already know won't fit into your dorm room anyways. You pack up all of your things and try to imagine sharing your space with someone you don't know at all. As you prepare for school, you receive your housing information along with a small tidbit that you never would have expected: you are going to have two roommates instead of one.

This year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, many freshmen were introduced to a nightmare similar to this as they began their first year of college. For anyone who has ever lived in a dorm, it is easy to recall that one roommate was certainly enough. Between all of the personality clashes, unique differences and the basic fact that there is a significant lack of space, learning to live with someone else, let alone two others, can be a particularly tough transition for anyone.

Some of these new students had simply been accepted into the university later in the spring and just happened to be on the end of the housing plans. Others simply got tied into a different type of living situation typical to the average college student. Regardless of the overall reason for the dorm overfill this year, many incoming freshmen were simply forced to deal with the fact that they would be living with two others instead of just one. It is hard to believe that three people could share a dorm room, based on the fact that they are only 11 feet by 15 feet, easily much smaller than the rooms they each had at home alone.

When asked what they had originally thought of living with two others, many of the freshmen stated that they were nervous, but knew that the situation would be tolerable and most likely temporary.

"I thought it would be sweet," freshman Andrew Ritten said about learning of his living situations this year. "We have a bigger corner room and space is really not an issue." Ritten and his two other roommates get along well in their room in CKTO and Ritten stated that none of them have made plans to move out thus far.

There was a similar trend in the room of freshmen Jordan Nelson, Richard Markun and Randall Markun of Antrim Hall. Although their room was full of their possessions and even a few of their friends at the time, the boys said that space was not really a problem for them. "You have to be creative," Nelson said, talking about the use of space and the overall situation. The three roommates even stated that none of them desired to move out, although after the room freeze is over, one of them may be forced to. Their resident adviser, sophomore Matthew Fox, stated that the three boys hadn't even complained of their arrangement and that they "love each other."

In comparison to the boys' rooms, the girls in the rooms of three had vastly different attitudes about their living arrangements.



Andrew Ohlmann

While freshmen Keisha Buttweiler, Lisa Jorgenson and Megan Makowski of Curran were tired of the lack of space, they couldn't imagine not living with each other. They collectively stated that they had been nervous in the beginning stages of moving in but had grown to really like each other, despite their shared desire for an additional closet or a few square feet.

"I thought it would be a bigger room," Alli McGinnis said about her normal sized dorm room for three. McGinnis and her roommates Megan Werzel and Codi Peters were some of the unlucky groups of three living in a normal-sized dorm room, similar to that of Buttweiler, Jorgenson and Makowski. They definitely felt cramped in their room, but the girls had made the priority of having a futon for them all to hang out on. "It gets kind of annoying," McGinnis said. "We have one side for our clothes and another to get ready and to store our food." This appeared to be a very tiresome arrangement for all three of them.

Besides the drawback of having two roommates instead of one, these freshmen seemed to be happy with their space and new friends overall. While some students planned on staying together, regardless of the space issue, others planned on having one roommate move out as soon as it was allowed. All in all, the roommates seemed to be happy with their dorm situation, their roommates and the predicament they were put into. Although no one knows what is to happen to new students who will move onto campus next year, living in close quarters has proven to be something considered ok to those experiencing it, even when others may be cringing at the thought of it.

Health care, sustainability and chocolates

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

Tenth Senate District candidate discusses key campaign issues and tells students "Take action now."

On Sept. 22 at Legacy Chocolates, located at 632 South Broadway, the Dunn County Democrats hosted "Meet and Greet Alison Page." The event gave Page, D-River Falls, an opportunity to speak with members of the Dunn County Democrats and answer questions about her campaign for the 10th Senate District.


Alison Page

This November, Page will be running against Sen. Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls. Page is currently a resident of River Falls, where she has lived most of her life. She has a degree in nursing from Marquette University and two Master's Degrees from the University of Minnesota, one in healthcare administration and one in nursing. For the last 12 years she has worked as a Senior Administrator for Fairview Health Services, and from 1985 to 2002 she was a member of the River Falls School Board. Page feels she is a great candidate for college students because the whole focus of her campaign is on the future of Wisconsin. "My motto is 'Building a great state of Wisconsin,' but what that really means is building a sustainable Wisconsin," Page said.

Page's campaign is based on four key issues: health care, sustainability, education and the economy. On the topic of health care policy, Page said, "There are lots of issues with making a transition as a state when there are no national solutions." Page also mentioned that in the future health care should,"focus more on prevention and healthy living."

Aside from health care, Page claimed sustainability is also a key issue for Wisconsin. She defined sustainability as "providing for ourselves today, but doing it in a way that does not compromise the ability of future generations." Page feels a sustainable economy and education are necessary to the future of Wisconsin and she says, "The backbone of a strong economy is small business and small businesses get their ideas from college graduates."

On the issue of college education, Page said, "Through my own research I have found that students pay about $17,000 for tuition, room and board a year at Madison and minimum wage is at $6.50. So college students have to work a job and a half in order to pay tuition, room and board… In two generations we have tripled the work effort that is required for a young person to put themselves through school. A lot of kids who are in college now are going to have a garbage bag full of debt."

To aid in the climbing cost of tuition, Page suggests, "I think we need to really work hard on lowering debt levels and look at what is a reasonable amount for a student to work to contribute to their education. Other states do this better than we do." Page also noted that she is concerned Wisconsin's students will only have a "50 percent chance of getting a job in Wisconsin that provides health benefits." She added firmly, "That's not right."

On the uncertainty of the future economy and the financial burden college students are carrying, Page said, "We have the perfect storm forming here. My generation is smack dab in the middle of retirement and we haven't saved enough money. We have mega debt and our state budget is very fragile… We've set our young people up to graduate from college with debt when their parents have no reserves, and they're going to look to their children to help them out when they're old."

Page says of her generation, "We've helped create this problem just by the virtual fact that we were born; we need to work harder to resolve some of these issues before we die." As a feasible solution she said, "My generation is going to have to work longer and we need to make that a good thing by supplying benefits."

Page suggests to the younger generation, "Don't sit back and think the older people are going to take care of you. Take action now. There have been a few times in this country when the younger people have had to stand up and say: 'we think you're going the wrong way and we're going to help you get back on track.' You're a great generation, grab it and go with it."

Howard Dean comes to Stout | Students get a close look at the candidate



Photo submitted by Micheal Grevas.

Dean talks to Tara Ryder (right), Kendra Lucking and Michele Domine, three UW-Stout students who are researching a project for their Honors Seminar in Technology course. They needed a political stance on their project.

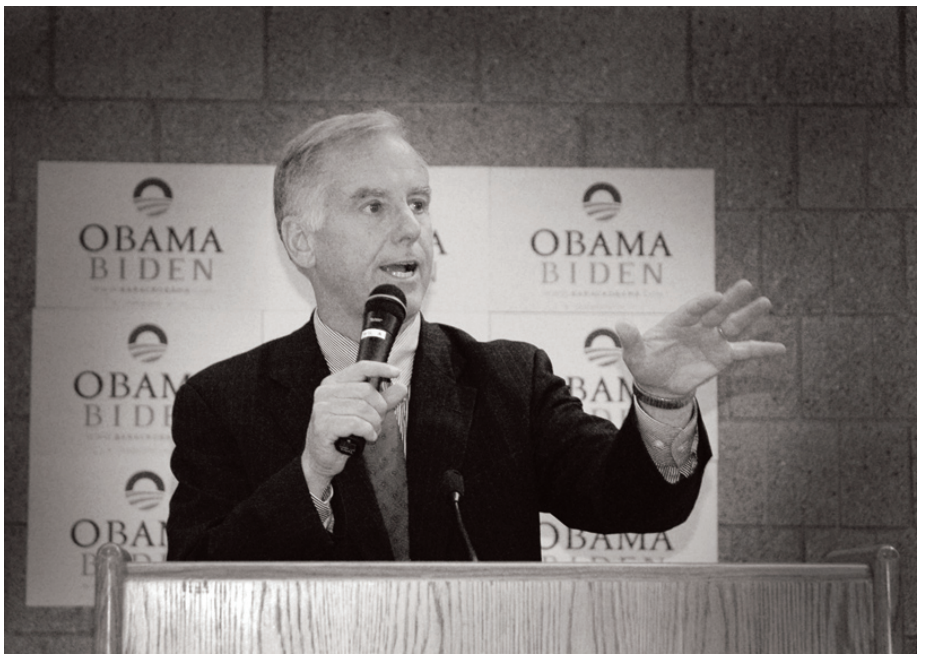


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Howard Dean, Chairman of the Democratic National Commitee, came to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Oct. 1. The rally was held at 1:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

Howard Dean came to UW-Stout Wednesday, Oct. 1, to rally the campus for the Democratic presidential campaign. Dean, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has campaigned in over 22 states in the past three months.

Dean began by discussing what the jobs of the next president will be. He explained that there were two main jobs: the healing of America and the act of restoring American morals. "We need to be brought together to find a common cause," Dean stated. "When Obama went to Europe, 200,000 people were waving American flags - something that we haven't seen from a president in years.

"This election is more than just the economy, environment and Iraq, although those are all important things," said Dean.

Dean stated that John McCain commented that it's a possibility that troops could be in Iraq for 100 years. "The difference between McCain and Obama is really 98 years."

"We need a healthcare system that works for everyone here in America," said Dean. He clarified that Obama's healthcare program aims to give Americans choices in their healthcare providers and keep jobs in the United States.

"This is really about a generational change," Dean said. During the 30 or so minutes that he spoke, Dean focused a lot on the idea that the youth will make this election. "I'm asking you to do this because this is about how you're going to shape your world." Dean reminded the students to not only vote, but to encourage their friends to vote. "We have the responsibility," Dean commented, saying that we all have the power to "heal and bring American together again."

"You can't take time off of politics," Dean commented, talking about the time he feels the American government took off during some past presidents' reign. "In the next five weeks you definitely cannot take a vacation - this is a generational change." He urged the next generation to not continue this recession in politics. "Learn from what we do not just the good things but also the mistakes that we have made."

"This is really an election for ordinary working people - middle class people that make this country go," said Dean

Dean explained to the crowd that he believed that friends trust each other because they know each other; they have things in common. "We need you to vote early, and bring your friends," Dean added. "You have the power."



Photo submitted by Micheal Grevas.

Dean poses for a picture with Karina King, a freshman in the vocational rehabilitation program.

Homecoming events

Monday, Oct. 13

- **Penny Wars:** Bring your pennies to support your favorite organization. Each organization has a labeled jar at the SOC desk in the MSC. Pennies are positive values, while silver or paper money are negative. The goal is to be the organization with the most positive value! Begins Monday at 9 a.m. and ends on Thursday at 4 p.m.
- **Super Campus Search:** Organizations with at least two participants can search around the entire Stout community, documenting their finds with a camera. Pick up the search list at the SOC list on Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Organizations have two hours to find and document the items on the list and return to SOC desk.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

- **Superior Soapbox Derby:** Construction begins at 12:01 p.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Each team is given the same supplies, tools and 3 and a half hours to build their soapbox car on the south lawn. Races begin at 4 p.m. at Wilson Ave. & 2nd St. W.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

- **Comedian** in the Great Hall at 8 p.m. Organizations can earn points by the percentage of their group members present. Make sure to provide a list of members by Oct. 8, 4:30 p.m. to the service desk.

Thursday, Oct. 16

- **The Great Couch-a-thon:** Bring as many members of your organization and sit on a couch! Only rule is two participants must be on the couch at all times. Seventy percent of the points will be rewarded for the use of the Superhero theme, and 30 percent will be for hours completed.
- **Powerful Penny Wars:** Ends at 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

- **Magician Derek Hughes + Coronation:** 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the MSC. Organizations can get points by percentage of member attendance again.

Saturday, Oct. 19

- **Parade of Heroes:** Starts at 11 a.m. and goes all around UW-Stout.
- **Homecoming Football Game:** During the half time of the game, parade winners and the Spirit Award will be announced, as well as the 2008 Homecoming Royalty Court.

What are Spirit Points?

This year's theme is Super Heroes: finding your super-self. Help out the organization that you're in by showing up to as many events as possible. If you're not already in an organization, find one! Check the Blue Devils Production (BDP) Web site (http://bdp.uwstout.edu/index.asp) for more information, rules and registration info.

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Campus "living room" gets an updating

Anne Kressin
Staff Writer

The Memorial Student Center could be headed for a major makeover. On September 23, architects unveiled a $15 million project that would transform everything from the heating systems to the confining hallways. The concept design for the MSC, built in 1985, would update the building's cramped layout and dreary structure.

"It is like the living room for the campus," said Tom Hanely of SDS Architects. "Students should feel welcomed and compelled to move through the building."

SDS Architects Inc., an architectural firm located in Eau Claire, is one of the two major architectural firms working on the MSC design. The other is Perkins and Will, whose specialty includes higher education buildings.

The $15 million budget will cover system improvements, renovations and soft costs. The basic air and electric systems of the MSC are in desperate need of upgrading. Forty-one percent of the funding will go to renovating heating, air conditioning, fire protection, power and telecommunications to keep them up-to-date on safety regulations.

Thirty-two percent of the budget will fund renovations. Much of the inside will be gutted to redesign the way students interact with the space. "This building is very compartmentalized," states Jeff Stebar of Perkins and Will. Plans are to tear down the lifeless cement block walls in favor of more windows and increased building efficiency. Stebar is hoping this will create an "open, casual feel." To encourage this, architects plan to create a large, light-filled atrium. The atrium, nicknamed Union Square, will centralize the building by being visible from all the entrances and extending through both floors. The student organizations center and the bookstore will connect to Union Square as will new student dinning services. The foodservices of the MSC are a large part of the renovation.

"[MSC foodservices] does not meet the current needs of the facility," comments Paul Mackesey, president of Mackesey and Associates, a foodservice design and management consulting firm. "In a nutshell, there's a need to rework and reengineer these spaces." The concept design creates an expanded convenience store and a larger, redesigned lower-level food service area.

The last 27 percent of the budget will go to soft costs. This includes items like furniture and lighting.

The MSC will also get certified from Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the organization most widely used for assessing green buildings. The current plans would achieve a LEED certification score of 33 points, which would qualify the MSC for a silver rating.

If the funding is passed, construction is projected to begin May 2010 and finish up July 2011. Funding for this project will come from University of Wisconsin-Stout students in the way of segregated fees. From 2008 – 2012, students will be charged a total of $142 to support the renovations at the MSC. With the sliding economy and increase in tuition, many students might find the bump in fees hard to justify, although paying now will save them money in the long run. If the funding fails, the project will have to wait two years before it can appeal. With prices rising four to seven percent every year, the future price tag will be much steeper. Whether funding is passed or not, renovations will happen for the system utilities. It would more efficient as far as cost and labor to do both of these projects at the same time.

Architects and faculty are hoping students will be able to see the benefit of renovating the MSC now instead of later. Lucy Nicolai, Director of the MSC, remembers when students were faced with this same vote back in 1982 when they were deciding whether or not to build the MSC. "They had the vision and the foresight to know we needed something different and I feel that this is what our students feel," said Nicolai.

If students wish to contact their senators on the issue they can go online or attend a SSA meeting held at the SSA office in the MSC on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.



Photo submitted by Anne Kressin
UW-Stout uncovers its plans to redesign the MSC, as well as improve its heating, air conditioning and power systems at the open forum Sept. 23.

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No F-words allowed

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

Words are not just words. They may not be something physical but they still can function as a weapon that has been placed in ignorant hands.

I don't do the whole "irrational anger" thing, but I cannot stand the use of a particular F-Word. I am no violent maniac. I value harmony, serenity, happiness, peace, My Little Ponies, etc. But I have my own little inner Hulk, and it did emerge recently.

You say that F-word around me and you're out of my life. Period. I cannot think of any exceptions to this rule.

How can you ever justify using that expression? You can't. There never will be a good argument. "Oh, times have changed; it doesn't have the awful connotation it used to!" Yes, it does and you know exactly what you're saying. It always cheapens whatever's coming out of your mouth. You could be Barack Obama. It doesn't matter who you are, once I hear that F-word slip out, I'm still going to be through with you.

I don't care if it's a snap judgment on my part. Honestly, I think that you can tell a lot about someone by their vocabulary. So don't you accuse me of being hasty or unfair or "bitchy."

It's just that when you refer to my friend as a "faggot," that's when I decide that I don't know you anymore.

letters to the editor

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Stop with the smileys, already...

Tiffany Willits
UW-Stout student contributor

Has communication become misleading and is text-messaging replacing true emotions? Texting has become the way of life, and people text for fun, or because it is easier than making a phone call. (Wow, I guess people are lazy.)

A new language is appearing and it is the world of smiley faces. J Everyone has done it or received one. For example, when someone is excited about a date, they may text, "Wow I can't wait for tonight!" and then they may insert this symbol: :-). However, if someone is upset at a score they got on a test, they may text, "I can't believe the teacher failed me on the test!" and then they would most likely insert this: :-(. The best texts occur when a special someone tries to wink at you via text message, like, "Let's keep this a secret between you and me. ;-)."

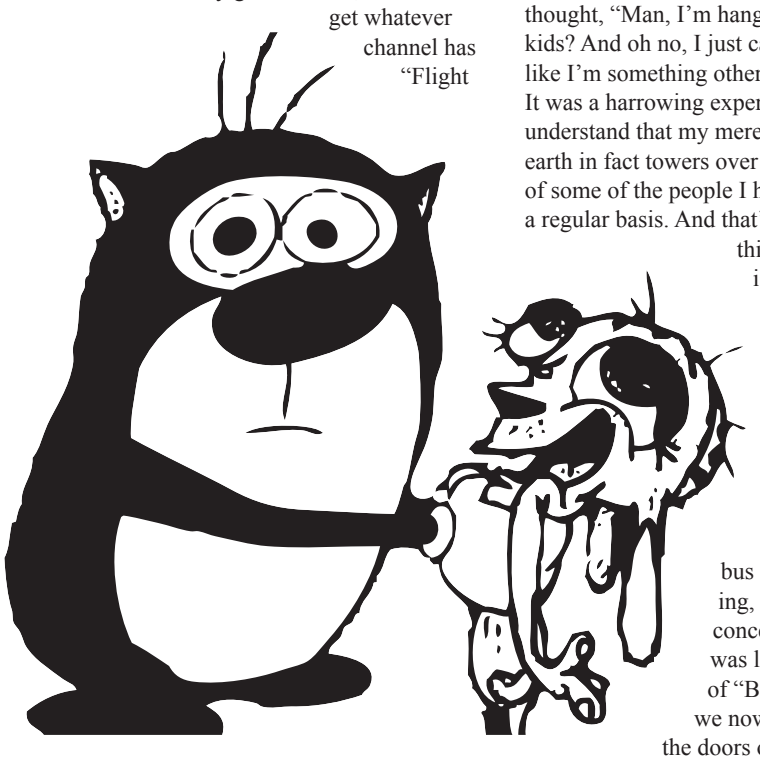
Personally, having a smiley face inserted on a text once in a while does not bother me, and it can sometimes be very cute, I will admit. The nice thing about the faces are that they can show humor, because if someone were to send a message saying, "Get a life!" and after that statement inserted a wink or a smiley face, then the recipient would understand that it was a joke.

However, if someone decides to add a face to every single text they send, then the annoyance factor shoots through the roof. Don't try to insert a smiley face just to get what you want, because most people will not fall for that. I would like to ask people to please keep the smileys and/or frowns in moderation, and smile in person because, after all, it takes 40 muscles to frown and only 20 muscles to smile. SO SMILE J ! (Just not in every single text.)

'90s TV can never be surpassed

Jack Lawrence
UW-Stout student contributor

Now, it's true that I'm not a TV connoisseur ("Iron Chef" is often the most intellectually-stimulating program that I come across in any given month, and I don't get whatever channel has "Flight of the Concords"), and it's true that there are diamonds in the modern rough, but I really feel that '90s TV was the apex of broadcast perfection.



From www.comic-mint.com

I remember feeling old for the first time in my life when I realized that some of my coworkers had been born in the '90s. I thought, "Man, I'm hanging out with these kids? And oh no, I just called them 'kids' like I'm something other than one myself!" It was a harrowing experience, and I now understand that my mere 21 years on this earth in fact towers over the respective ages of some of the people I hang out with on a regular basis. And that's okay. The only thing that bothers me is when I casually mention "Quailman" and the people around me frown and tilt their heads in confusion.

It seems that where we used to gather at the bus stop each morning, eager to discuss the concentrated genius that was last night's episode of "Boy Meets World," we now stumble through the doors of Applied Arts at 8 a.m. with scruffy necks and red eyes, and if we're feeling especially cultured, might mumble something about how damn confused "Lost" made us feel. And that's on a good day.

Whatever happened to the art of the awesomely bad? Nobody will be giving the respective creators of "Clarissa Explains It All" and "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" any Nobel Prizes, but I challenge you to find one '90s kid who couldn't hum both theme songs and didn't hate Clarissa's sucky little brother, Ferguson. And what about "The X Files?" Mulder and Scully were like the big brother and sister I never had, and the show ran well into the 2000s and ended with the guy from Terminator 2 replacing Mulder for some reason. Man, that still burns me up.



From www.nick.com

And don't get me wrong, it's not like there's nothing worth watching these days. The American version of "The Office" was pretty slammin' for its first three seasons, and "To Catch a Predator" is possibly the greatest thing that MSNBC has ever used to fill the 10 p.m. timeslot, but I still miss incredibly charming crap like "Chip 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers," "Ren and Stimpy," "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," and "Animorphs." I know some jerk probably wrote this exact same article 10 years ago and had all the TV shows I listed replaced with '80s programming, but seriously, man, I just wish I could scan the listings on the TV Guide Channel without feeling like some kind of adult or something.

Oh yeah, and I still say "elimiDATE" is, was, and will forever be the only good reality show. Thank you.

10 ways to make my job easier and your year more successful!

Craig Zimanske (4th Floor Hansen RA)
UW-Stout student contributor

1. Introduce yourself to me, the other RAs, your ARC (if you live on south campus) and your hall director. These people know what's going on around here and they are here to help you get in the know, too. Use them (but don't abuse them), and connecting to campus will be a breeze!

2. Though we are all here for you, attempt to resolve basic issues on your own before coming to us. If you ask me how late the Advisement Center is open, I'll expect that you've already (albeit unsuccessfully) checked the University of Wisconsin-Stout Web site. I don't want to hear, "What's for lunch tomorrow?" if you didn't take the time to glance at the posted menu. There are questions you can answer on your own. Trust yourself, you're a big kid now! Of course, if your problem is far more complex than these, I want you to come to me. That's what I'm here for – helping you answer life's unanswerables. Well, at least UW-Stout's unanswerables.

3. Talk to me! The fact that I'm your RA doesn't mean that I don't have a personality! RAs are people, too. We have interests and hobbies and are even known to make occasional humorous remarks. If you see me around, say hi. If I'm in my room, knock on the door and come shoot the breeze. If you're going out to play volleyball, invite me to join you (I love volleyball – I think there is still sand in my pockets from last May)! We want to get to know you – and have fun while doing it.

4. Leave your door open when you're in and lock your door when you're out. This is one of the easiest ways to meet people, and it doesn't even involve leaving your room! The next time you are just sitting in your room playing Halo, creeping on Facebook or watching an Oprah special, leave the door open – you'll be surprised at how many new (and good-looking) faces come in to say hi! However, when you leave your room or go to bed for the night, make sure you lock your door. You definitely don't want any of those faces coming in and stealing your stuff, regardless of how good-looking they are.

5. Join a club or organization. An even easier way to make new friends is to get involved doing something you enjoy. There are countless organizations on campus dedicated to virtually every interest you might have. From knitting to swing dancing, community service to photography and honor societies to athletics, there is bound to be something that sparks your interest. Get involved and you'll be meeting all sorts of people in no time!

6. Though we hope you are having fun with your new friends, if you are under the age of 21, do not drink on campus. Seriously, just don't do it. Spare me, your hall director, the police and yourself the headache. Don't drink in your dorm room, don't drink on the lawn, don't drink in the commons – unless it is one of our fine selections of unnaturally-colored juices that you're chugging. If you do choose to drink, do so elsewhere – and do so responsibly. If you are returning to your dorm after a late night of shenanigans and tomfoolery, come back quietly. The last thing I want to do is have to wake up from my peaceful slumber and have to call Lisa or Batman (a campus police officer and local pseudo-celebrity). And you don't want the $252-$738 citation.

7. All that being said, if you are going to hurl, find your way to a toilet. Don't throw up in the stairwell, don't vomit on the carpet and don't blow chunks in the water fountains or the sinks or the showers. If you can't get to a toilet, grab your garbage can or tuck in your shirt and puke into that – get creative. Making a mess in our public spaces is both unsanitary and disrespectful and frankly, extremely unpleasant to clean up.

8. Segueing into the realm of that porcelain bowl…flush the toilets, darn it! That whole "if it's yellow, let it mellow" mantra has come and gone like poodle skirts, pet rocks and my German teacher's hair. When I drop my kids off at the pool, they like to dive into clean water – and they certainly don't need any companions waiting for them. Take a page from the book of every civilized person in the world and send your excretions on the fast pipe to Lake Menomonin.

9. Keep your floor community clean. It is not the custodian's job to clean spaghetti off of the walls, nor my job to vacuum the debris field of glitter left behind by your art project. Take some pride in your living quarters and show some responsibility, ownership and civility. Your dorm building may not be the Ritz, but with everyone's cooperation, we can at least keep it classier than most Ramada Inns.

10. Remember this: I'm your Resident Advisor, not your Resident Mother. Mothers will do your laundry and your dishes, pick up your messes, make sure you're eating healthy and make sure you do your homework. I'm not paid enough to be a mother to 30-some residents, nor is any other RA on campus. Therefore, don't expect me or anyone else to clean up after you or get on your case about the activities you should or should not be engaging in. Adulthood has its privileges – but it comes with responsibilities, too. If you follow these guidelines, I guarantee you will have a more successful year, and I (your doting RA) will be a lot easier to get along with.

October is LGBTQ awareness month

Erica Idso
UW-Stout student contributor

What does the Bible really say regarding homosexuality? How does one reconcile their cultural values and their sexuality? Why not include a comprehensive safe sex education in schools? What does it mean to be Hmong and a part of the gay and lesbian community? What does it mean to be two-spirited? What are the issues, struggles and concerns facing transgender people? These questions and many others are at the heart of the activities, discussions, films and panels planned throughout the month of October. October is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) Awareness Month. It is a time to bring awareness to the issues and a better understanding of the LGBTQ community and many of the issues that they continue to face.

This month's kick off event is the film "For the Bible Tells Me So." In the face of the tragic events aggravated by the presence of the Westboro Baptist Church on campus last year, the film takes an in-depth look at the question of whether the love between two people of the same sex is an abomination. Is the chasm separating gays and lesbians and Christianity too wide to cross? Is the Bible an excuse to hate? The film will be followed up with a panel discussion allowing students to explore their reactions, emotions and feelings around the film. On Oct 6, UW-Stout alumnus, Debra Davis, a transgender woman, will share her life experiences and issues and concerns facing transgender people in the UW-Stout community. This event will take place in the Terrace in the Memorial Student Center.

LGBTQ Awareness Month coincides with "National Coming Out Day" on Oct. 11, which celebrates the courage of millions of bisexual, transgender, lesbian and gay people who publicly identify themselves as a member of the LGBTQ community. UW-Stout's campus will be celebrating "National Coming Out Day" on Wednesday, Oct 9 at 11:30 a.m., by gathering at the Ally Center and proceeding throughout campus. The theme for this year's day is "Be a Safe Face!" A "safe face" is someone who affirms LGBTQ people. There will be an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to sign up to be recognized as a "safe face" on campus. This procession will culminate in a balloon release and a guest speaker in front of Bowman Hall.

On Oct 15 at 6:30 p.m., the Ally Center will be honored for its monthly "Let it Out Dialogue" series with the group, Shades of Yellow. (SOY is the first Hmong LGBTQ organization that supports Hmong LGBTQ individuals, non-Hmong LGBTQ individuals, families, friends and allies.) This month will wrap up with an all-inclusive safe-sex seminar led by Quay Webber, vice-president of LGBTQ Community Center of the Chippewa Valley on Oct 20 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace. A Safe Space Workshop will be presented on Oct 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 3 in CKTO Residence Hall. This workshop provides information on becoming an ally and how to create a safe environment for LGBTQ students, faculty and staff. The final event of this month is a presentation by professors and Dr. Susan Wolfgram and Dr. Jan Hare. They will be exploring information regarding assisted reproductive technologies used by gay and lesbian couples, as well as a film and discussion regarding sexual minority families in the classroom. These events are made possible by the hard work and dedication of the LGBTQ Inclusivity Committee; the student LGBTQ group, "Out@Stout"; University Housing; Blue Devil Productions; Diversity Education Committee; Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Office; Stout Student Association; Multicultural Student Services; the Chancellor and the Ally Center. All are welcome to these events.

I think that Martin Luther King Jr. put it best when he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Romance: dead or alive?

Maija Rusin
UW-Stout student contributor

"The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love, and be loved in return." - Moulin Rouge.

These days, love and romance seem to be fleeting thoughts in our world that revolves around capital income, physical appearances and social prestige. Whatever happened to cute romance stories and happily-ever-afters? Where are all the fairytale stories of knights in shining armor sweeping beautiful maidens off their feet? In this generation, romance seems to be at an all time low. People of all walks of life are on the hunt for that special someone, but they have no idea where to even begin looking.

Here in our small college town of Menomonie, Wis., it is not always easy to find a great guy or a sweet girl to spend your days with. Some people would much rather take the free and easy route, and ditch the old ball and chain idea entirely. But there are many others just dying to find that one genuine person to spend time with.

Tennessee Williams once wrote, "When so many are lonely as seem to be lonely, it would be inexcusably selfish to be lonely alone."

People can begin to diminish their loneliness and open the doors to their innermost emotions by bringing romance back into their lives. People should start stirring up those butterflies that have been cocooned up in their stomachs by taking a few chances. Try taking that cute girl from work out on a fun date. Go pick apples from one of the apple orchards around here or find a concert you would both enjoy… and pick her up! Bring romance back into your lives and enjoy everything it has to offer. Dating doesn't have to be the serious lock-me-up, tie-me-down situation that so many tend to believe. Dating can be a fun, exciting experience for everyone. Have a crush on that smart tutor girl who's helped you ace all those stats tests? Take her out for lunch one day as a thank you. Challenge the hunk in your gym class to a one-on-one session after class. There are so many opportunities out there for people looking for something more, so take a hold of those precious possibilities and put yourself out there! It's really as easy as taking charge and pursuing what you want and so greatly deserve.

Take a chance, live for today and spread the love. These days, loneliness is overrated, romance is highly underrated and it's time for that to change. Put yourself out there and give love a chance. If it doesn't work out, then it doesn't work out. There will be more opportunities. Enrich your life with all it has to offer. Keep romance alive.

Vote "yes" for a unified state voice

Dakota Kaiser
Vice President, United Council of UW Students

United Council is based on the premise that students are stronger together than we are divided. Our power is in numbers. To this end, United Council provides a forum to develop a unified student voice to important decision-makers like the board of regents, state legislature and the governor.

The strength of this voice depends on input from all our member campuses. We need students at UW-Stout to be a part of the solution so that we can continue to build our power and affect change in Wisconsin. To that end, please vote YES for United Council in the referendum on Oct 9.

The upcoming months will surely prove to be a challenge as we fight to keep the UW System affordable in the face of another enormous budget deficit. However, as difficult as these times may be, they also offer us an unprecedented opportunity to bring into the public eye the dangerous decline in state funding for higher education, leading to campus budget cuts and tuition increases beyond citizens' ability to pay.

Building off of our many victories this year, students are registering, educating and mobilizing their fellow students to build our electoral power to put pressure on legislators during this upcoming budget process. We are confident that as a unified front, students from across the state make it possible to achieve even more victories that benefit the lives of students during such hard times.

The referendum process is an opportunity for students to learn more about issues affecting them on a statewide level and the role United Council plays in addressing those issues. On our campuses, we look forward to this opportunity to educate our students about the work we have been doing with United Council.

We also take this responsibility seriously so that the students can cast an educated vote on such an important matter. We are encouraging you today to make a decision that will be in students' best interest and allow them to engage in meaningful discussion about United Council during your referendum process.

Vote YES to continue to work toward a unified state voice, and stop by the United Council table to register to vote for the upcoming local, state and presidential elections.

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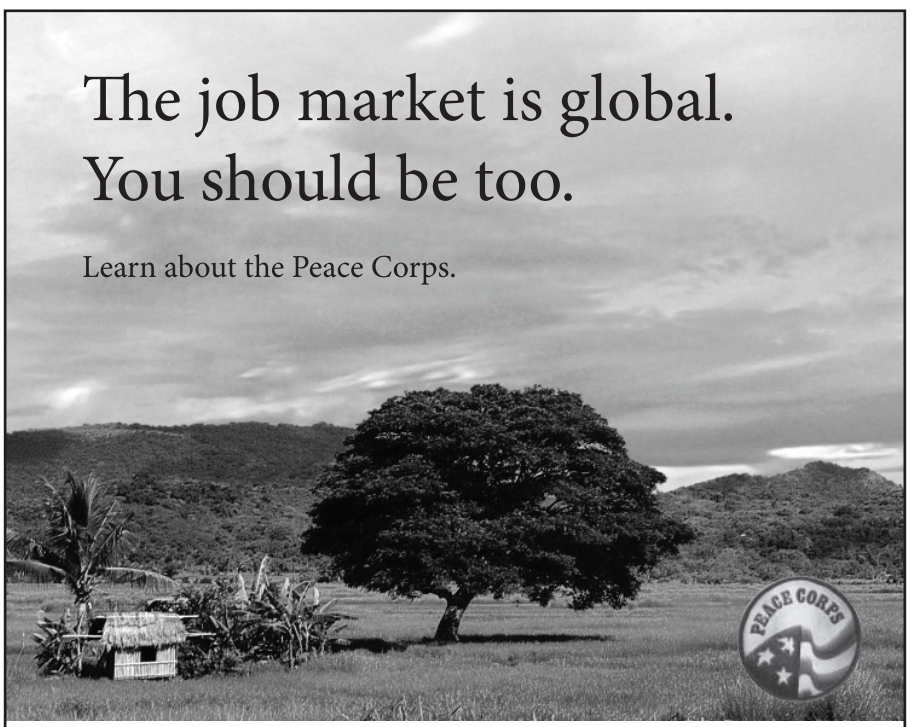
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Eau Claire's "Project Runway"

Mallory Morris
Staff Writer

While fashion capitals of the world are in the midst of fall fashion week, those of us in central Wisconsin are no longer forced to be stuck in the dark. For the first time, a major fashion show featuring lighting, special effects, choreography and even an afterparty with high profile DJs will be put on at the Ramada Convention Center in Eau Claire. Ramada representative Abrar Rabbi and event coordinator and designer Huey Yang both mentioned that if the show goes well, the plan is to put on a show in the spring and summer as well, and hopefully it will become an annual event. A number of University of Wisconsin-Stout students are involved in various ways including helping backstage, modeling, and even featuring their own designs. The 18+ show will feature MC by Jare E Jordan, fall fashions by Huey Yang, EXPRESS, Katmandu, Tiger Lily Boutique, Maurices, Isabel and Company and UW-Stout apparel design and development students Lindsay Carrier, Jessica Idso and Rose Deutchman.

On Friday, Oct. 10, come and support your fellow students at the Eau Claire Ramada Fall Winter 2008 Fashion Show. Located in the Upper Ballroom, doors open at 7:30 p.m. and a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Marshfield Clinic-Breast Cancer Research and Care in honor of breast cancer awareness month. The show is sponsored by Ramada, Porter's Restaurant and Bar, VolumeOne and Z100 FM Radio and tickets are $20 presale or $25 at the door and are available at a number of retail locations as well as by phone at 715-835-6121 or online at www.vitalculture.com. Sound in Motion DJs from the Twin Cities will be appearing at the afterparty for those who purchase VIP tickets for $30 presale or $35 at the door. DJ Innovation, DJ D-Struct, DJ Dayne and DJ Jeff Hunter will all be present at the afterparty, which is a semi-formal cocktail party. A lot of work and creative energy has gone into making this show an experience for all who attend in hopes that it will become a successful yearly event.

Lindsay Carrier, a senior graduating in December, will be showing her senior studio collection of four casual sportswear ensembles (pictured). Carrier debuted this collection at the Stout Apparel Society's (SAS) Silhouettes fashion show in spring 2008. Carrier was awarded by her peers the Studio Choice Award for her collection. When she graduates in December, Carrier plans to take some time off to backpack around Europe before moving to New York City to pursue her career in fashion design.

Jessica Idso, also a senior, graduating in May, will be showing a collection of three ensembles. Idso found her inspiration through her fabrics and ended up creating the casual sportswear ensembles (pictured). Like Carrier, she first showed these garments in the Silhouettes show last spring. When she graduates in May, Idso hopes to move out to New York City and find a job designing women's wear. Idso (pictured center) will also be modeling her own dress in the show along with two other UW-Stout students, Jamie Bystrom (left) and Sarah Vauk (right).



Pictured left to right: Jamie Bystrom, Jessica Idso and Sarah Vauk

Rose Deutchman, a senior graduating in May, will be showing a collection of three full length formal gowns (pictured). Deutchman (right) will also be modeling in the show like she did when she first showed these dresses in the Silhouettes show this past spring. Her three intricate gowns were selected over a number of other garments that she submitted. When Deutchman graduates in May, she hopes to find a job working for a small custom evening and formal wear boutique in the Minneapolis area.



Pictured left to right: Gina Hayden, Jennifer Burish and Rose Deutchman



Pictured left to right: Emma Holtomb, Victoria Baller, Brittany Waltz and Leslie Barlow

A tent full of goodies

Emily Janssen
Staff Writer



It was 3 p.m. on the sunny afternoon of Sept. 24 when countless students were allured by music to a large white tent between the Memorial Student Center and Jarvis Hall. "You know it's a good turnout when the local fire department shows up!" responded Andrea Brower when asked how the sale was going. Brower, a fourth-year business administration student, is the president of the American Marketing Association on campus that put on the Back to School-Stout Apparel Sale as a fundraiser for the organization.

The setup evidently attracted attention from a few more than just University of Wisconsin-Stout-labeled apparel shoppers. The event was visited first by a cop and next by the local fire department, big red truck and all. After a brief explanation from the fire department about a fire lane violation, Brower assured that, though the violation was completely unintentional, next year they would find a more accommodating situation for such ardent shoppers.

Ardent they were: Jenna Johnshoy, an applied psychology student at UW- Stout, grabbed her bag full of UW- Stout apparel from the registers with a glowing smile on her face. "I'm pumped about my purchase!" she exclaimed. "It was so inexpensive and now I have most of my Christmas shopping done!" Jenna was just one of many purchasers to stop by the sale.



Pictured left to right: Andrea Brower and Samantha Olofson

"The biggest selling point of our company is that we keep our prices really low," explained Holly Hassmer who co-owns the company Shop Your Colors."We screenprint through a local sheltered workshop which employs people with disabilities," she informed."This helps support people in the community at the same time as keeping prices low for students."Shop Your Colors comes to the UW-Stout campus two to three times a year and partners with different organizations including the American Marketing Association and the Stout Retail Association to support student organizations as well as to get their name out. When they are not on campus, their low-priced apparel is available at shopcampusgear.com.



Brower, who had been on site since 7 a.m., was happy to get AMA's name out to UW-Stout students. "Last year we signed up for the holiday sale, which was great, but this time we decided to get our butts in gear to welcome the new people on campus who don't have any Stout apparel yet." Considering that the crowd of students and teachers formed a non-stop line at the registers from 8 a.m. on, their promotional plans were surely successful.

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The Wire Tap

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Music at the Waterfront

Thursday, Oct. 2, '08:

Useful Jenkins
10 p.m

Monday, Oct. 6, '08

The Breakfast
10 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9, '08

Fancy Bastard
10 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11, '08

Heiruspecs
10 p.m.

Music at Stout Ale House

Saturday, Oct. 11, '08
The Pumps

Upcoming Album Releases

Tuesday, Oct. 7, '08

Sarah McLachlan
Closer Best-of

Police
Certifiable Live CD/DVD

Michelle Williams
Unexpected

Rachael Yamagata
A Record in Two Parts ... Elephants and Teeth Sinking Into Heart 2-part album

Tueesday, Oct. 14, '08

Boo and Boo Too
No Tempo

Kenny Chesney
Lucky Old Sun

Curumin
JapanPopShow

Jo Dee Messina
Unmistakable

Sixpence None The Richer
The Dawn of Grace X-Mas album

Jam a mile in her shoes, supporting domestic violence awareness

Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

The Campus Violence Prevention Project (CVPP) and The Bridge to Hope are sponsoring an Open Jam in the Stout Underground Monday, Oct. 6 from 6-8 p.m. to educate students and the public about domestic violence for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM).

The event is free to everyone, and anyone is welcome to perform. According to Linda Ebensperger, outreach advocate for The Bridge to Hope, people can simply "show up, sign up and perform" at the event. Whether it be musical acts, comedy, poetry or another form of entertainment, anyone can perform at the Open Jam. During the event, speakers from The Bridge to Hope will inform people on what DVAM is and how domestic violence impacts our community.

For those who do not wish to perform, watching and listening is always an option.

"Come and support us and be part of an evening of entertainment," Ebensperger said. "It should be interesting and fun. It's a good event, whether you're with a sorority or club."

Anyone interested in working on service projects with The Bridge to Hope is encouraged to meet staff during the Open Jam. The Bridge to Hope serves all of Dunn and Pepin County and provides services for anyone who is a victim of domestic violence or sexual abuse.

The Open Jam is one of several activities that go on during DVAM. The Campus Violence Prevention Project also hosts a program during the Homecoming parade that University of Wisconsin-Stout students may have seen before called Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. This program, in its third year, is for men against domestic violence. During the Homecoming parade, men walk in heels to demonstrate their dislike for domestic violence. Women can also participate by handing out candy in the parade. According to CVPP Coordinator Jessica Bryan, volunteers are welcome to participate in this program.

"We definitely invite males and females for Walk A Mile in Her Shoes," Bryan said.

Heels for men are available in Bryan's office. Anyone that is interested can contact her at bryanje@uwstout.edu or by going to her office in 410 Bowman Hall.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month history

Courtesy of Bridge to Hope

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981 conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state and national levels.

The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989 the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

-- Adapted from the 1996 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Manual of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Purple Ribbon

Over the years, a number of sources have been credited with originating the use of purple ribbon as a unifying symbol of courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending domestic violence.

Although the exact history of the purple ribbon is difficult to pinpoint, across the country, families and friends of victims have adopted the purple ribbon to remember and honor their loved ones who have lost their lives at the hands of a person they once loved and trusted. Shelters and local battered women's programs use the purple ribbon to raise awareness about the crime of domestic violence in their communities. http://dvam.vawnet.org/

The Daredevil Christopher Wright



Picture by: Jeremy Nelson

Jeremy Nelson
Stoutonia Staff

The crowd sits in silence, though everyone is growing more and more anxious. There are equal parts family, friends and students scattered throughout the Mabel Tainter Theater on the fall-like September night. The lights dim and all three members of The Daredevil Christopher Wright take the stage.

This is the first time the band has played in such a prestigious venue- in Menomonie at least. The Eau Claire natives have played on a few occasions at the Memorial Student Center through Blue Devil Productions, and one of the band's members, Jason Sunde, played a solo set at the Acoustic Cafe last year. The Mabel Tainter, however, feels important, in a way. The majority of the music is suited beautifully for the venue, with several harmonies and delicately-crafted pop songs. The band knows how to rock out as well, but in the end it's the vocal parts (the harmonies and the lyrics) that make this band so lovable.

The band is made up of two brothers, Jon and Jason Sunde, and their close friend Jesse Edgington. This night proved to be a great opportunity for them to have fun and relax a bit, as friends and family made up a large portion of the attendees. At one point during their set, Jon started to tell a story about his and Jason's mom, who was in attendance. She was mildly embarrassed, being singled out in the large crowd, but it was a truly heartwarming moment.

The Daredevil Christopher Wright has a new album in the works, though the release date is yet to be announced. Justin Vernon of Bon Iver, a friend of the band and another Eau Claire native who has drawn national acclaim over his album "For Emma, Forever Ago," mixed nine of the 11 tracks on the album. Don't be surprised if The Daredevil Christopher Wright follows suit and sees the same amount of critical acclaim as Vernon once their album is officially released.

The band has two EPs currently available for purchase. More information on those, along with tour dates, can be found at http://www.myspace.com/thedaredevilchristopherwright.

For more comments from guitarist Jason Sunde, go online at www.stoutonia.com

HOW BIG A PROBLEM IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

• Nearly 25 percent of U.S. women have been raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner at some point in their lives, according to a nationwide survey in 1995-96. (National Institute of Justice and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).
• Of that 25 percent, nearly 40 percent had physical injuries as a result.
Domestic violence remains the leading cause of injury to women age 15 to 44, more common than muggings, motor vehicle crashes and cancer deaths combined (Wilder Research, 2005)
• The FBI estimates that a domestic violence crime is committed about once every 15 seconds
(Wilder Research,2005).
• In 2000, intimate partner homicides accounted for 34 percent of the murders of women in the U.S. and less than 4 percent of the murders for men (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2003).
http://www.mcbw.org/files/u1/2008_DVAM_Media_Guide-FINAL_0.pdf

Linda Ebensperger
Bridge to Hope Pepin County Outreach

ART at the Mabel Tainter

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

It is a story of friendship, debate and the true meaning of art. From Oct. 2, 3, 4 - 5, the Menomonie Theater Guild will proudly present ART by Yasmina Reza, directed by Jeannette Paules. This powerful story involves three friends, Serge, Marc and Yvan, played by Jacob Rentmeester as Serge, Andy Christensen as Marc and Blaine Halverson as Yvan.

According to www.enotes.com, Serge purchases an expensive work of abstract art—a large painting consisting of white lines on a white canvas. As the three men engage in an ongoing debate over the value of the painting, emotions run high and the conflict escalates to the point of nearly destroying a long-standing friendship.

The debate over the painting in Art revolves around a question of aesthetic values, weighing the significance of modern abstract art in comparison to more traditional representational art. The purchase of the painting by Serge comes to symbolize a deeper rift in his friendship with Marc, a piece of concrete evidence that the two of them have grown apart. Yvan attempts to play the part of mediator between Serge and Marc but is inevitably drawn into the conflict at a deeper level.

ART addresses themes exploring various aspects of the nature of friendship. Most critics agree that Art is less about debates over artistic values than it is about the complexities of friendship.

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Following both shows on Saturday there will be an art panel with a discussion led by Professor Charles Lume. Hors d'oeurves will also be served at this time.



Pictured left to right: Jacob Rentmeester, Andy Christensen and Blaine Halverson
Photo contributed by: Jeannette Paules

Stones Throw to play host to Wookiefoot and Heatbox



Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

Eau Claire, WI - The Stones Throw announce the arrival of Wookiefoot and Heatbox to their stage for one night only, Friday, October 10 at 10:00 pm.

Wookiefoot/Heatbox tickets for the October 10 show are $10 and can be purchased online at the Stones Throw website and at the door the night of the show.

Show specifics in brief:
Band: Wookiefoot & Heatbox
Date: Friday, Oct. 10
Time: 10 p.m.
Cover: $10, available online or at door
Location: Stones Throw
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Brew crew gets through / Twinks stink



Photograph by Allison Halbach
Ryan Braun awaits a pitch from Pirate's pitcher Tom Gorzelanny on July 4, 2008.

Eric Thorson
Staff writer

The Milwaukee Brewers have qualified for post-season play for the first time in 26 years. They will fill the final wildcard spot in the National League after beating out a collapse-prone New York Mets. On the other end of the spectrum, the Minnesota Twins failed to qualify for post-season play for the second year in a row.

The Twins put forth a valiant effort in the month of September and swept the White Sox in a three-game series to briefly take the driver's seat in the American League Central Division. After dropping two out of three games in a series against the Kansas City Royals, it came down to a one game playoff against the Chicago White Sox to decide the winner of the Central Division. White Sox pitcher John Danks shut out the Twins in the 1-0 Sox victory.

Jim Thome accounted for the only run in the game with a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning. For the first time in a long time, the Minnesota Twins will be watching their neighbors to the east attempt to make it to the World Series.

The Brew Crew finished off its season with a record of 90-72 under interim manager Dale Sveum. Sveum replaced manager Ned Yost after he was fired in mid-September.

Yost was relieved of his managing duties after squandering a four game wildcard lead by being swept by their first round playoff foe, the Philadelphia Phillies.
Much of the Brewers' success can be attributed to the spectacular pitching of mid-season acquisition Carsten Charles aka C.C. Sabathia. C.C. came to the Brewers via a trade with the Cleveland Indians.
The Indians received pitcher Zack Jackson along with three other prospects from the Brewers. C.C. played a huge role down the stretch by winning his final two outings of the season against the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Chicago Cubs with only three days of rest in between starts.

The offensive MVP has been Ryan Braun. Braun finished the regular season with a .285 average, 106 RBIs and a team-leading 37 home runs. With one swing of the bat, Braun essentially clinched the wildcard spot for the Brewers by hitting a two-run home run in Miller Park on September 28 against the Central Division champion Chicago Cubs.

The Brewers intra-division rival, Chicago Cubs, are in the post-season again and celebrating their 100th anniversary since their last World Series victory. The Cubs finished the season with the best record in the National League at 97-64. Hopes are high in both the north and south sides of Chicago with both of the cities' ball clubs participating in the October festivities. There is one certainty this October that the Cubs can rely on at Wrigley Field; Steve Bartman will not be in attendance to interfere with their post-season run.

Milwaukee hopes to keep its momentum as the team begins a best-of-five game series against the Philadelphia Phillies. The Phillies are the champions of the very competitive National League East Division and finished the season with a record of 92 wins and 70 losses. The New York Mets failed to make the playoffs in their final season at Shea Stadium by faltering in the latter portion of the season.

This collapse was nowhere near as historic as the collapse they suffered in 2007 where they lost a seven-game lead in the last 17 games of the season, allowing the Phillies to take the NL East.
Philadelphia's lineup is loaded with talent and power with Chase Utley, former National League MVP Jimmy Rollins and this season's most likely MVP candidate Ryan Howard. Howard finished the regular season with a .251 batting average, 48 home runs and 146 RBIs.

Cole Hamels will take the mound for the Phillies in the first game while the Brewers will start Yovani Gallardo, who has started only four games this season. C.C. Sabathia will start for the Brewers, while Brett Myers will throw for the Phillies in game two, which is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m.

UW-Stout OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Allie Hinman

Allie Hinman is a sophomore from Lino Lakes, Minn. In 2007 Hinman was the WIAC singles player of the week on Sept. 4 and Oct. 10, and was fourth at the WIAC Championships at the No. 1 singles spot.

In high school, she was a four time all-conference player, team three-time conference champion and a five-time letterer. In her spare time, she enjoys working out, running, reading and scrapbooking.

On Sept. 26, Hinman took care of UW-River Falls' Kathryn Ostrowski when she beat her in two games 6-1 and 6-2. The next day, Hinman defeated LeRoyce Chapman of Bethel University 6-1 and 6-3.

Because of her outstanding performance, Hinman was named the WIAC singles player of the week. The Blue Devils tennis team's next match is away against UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m.



Women's golf finishes fifth at Point Invite

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

In the two-day University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Invitational tournament on Sept. 27 and 28, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team took fifth place.

After the first day of the tournament, the Blue Devils were in a solid fifth place with 361 strokes. Seven of the eight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams were at the tournament. UW-Stout was behind UW-Stevens Point Pointers and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks. The Blue Devils were tied with the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneers. UW-Stout was leading the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh after day one. Senior Molly Loney and sophomore Morgan Loney were tied for 21st with 89 strokes. Freshman Alyssa Riemenschneider was in 27th with 90 strokes and freshman Corbin Carlson was in 35th with 93 strokes. Junior Kelsey Treptow was in 42nd with 94 strokes.

The Blue Devils wrapped up the tournament in fifth place with a two-day total of 719 strokes. The Pointers of Stevens Point and the Warhawks of Whitewater were the only two WIAC teams to finish in front of UW-Stout. The Blue Devils finished directly in front of the Pioneers from Plateville and trailing behind them was the Falcons of River Falls, the Yellowjackets from UW-Superior and the Titans from UW-Oshkosh rounding out the WIAC standings.

Top finishers for the Blue Devils were Morgan Loney, who shaved four strokes off the previous day to finish 16, and Molly Loney tied for 25 shooting a 91 on the second day. Carlson shaved the most strokes off any other Blue Devil with five to finish the second day with an 88 and tied for 27. Riemenschneider finished 34 with a two-day total of 184. Treptow finished in a tie for 43 with a two-day total of 188.
This tournament closed out the regular season for the women's team. They will compete in the WIAC Championships Oct. 3-5.

Football falls short to Division II Missouri S & T

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

In what was predicted to be one of the two toughest games in the Blue Devils 2008 season, the Blue Devils football team displayed nothing short of a full effort in losing to the Missouri S & T Miners 31-24 under the lights at Don & Nona Williams Stadium. The game would have been a lot closer had the defense not surrendered 17 points in the second quarter, which gave the team a deficit that it was unable to overcome.

The Miners won the opening coin toss and chose to receive; they wasted little time on their first drive in getting to the end zone. Starting Miners running back David Shields took a handoff on the fifth play from scrimmage and sprinted 54 yards to the house to give Missouri S & T a 7-0 lead. The Blue Devils took the following kickoff and were able to move the ball downfield on several Kyle Provos to Antawan Walker completions but ended up punting shortly after entering Miner territory. On the Miners ensuing possession, the University of Wisconsin-Stout defense held its ground and forced a punt. While attempting to kick the ball away, Miner punter Brian Mueller mishandled the snap, allowing enough time for Ryan Pearcy to blast through the hole, block the punt, and recover the ball in the end zone to tie the game at seven apiece.

The second quarter got underway with Missouri S & T completing a long scoring drive that culminated in a Miner field goal and a 10-7 lead. On the following Blue Devil possession, the drive was cut short as Provos put up an errant pass that landed right in the chest of the Miners' Brian Jordan. Once Missouri regained possession they wasted little time in striking as Mike Greaving caught his first touchdown of the day, a 41-yard bomb from quarterback Jason Schleuter.

UW-Stout found themselves punting after only a three-and-out drive and gave the Miners some momentum to put the game away early. Missouri S & T completed a nine-play 65-yard drive that ended the same way their last drive did, Schleuter to Greaving for a 14 yard-touchdown.



Photograph by Bruce DeMorrow
UW-Stout junior wider reciever Antawan Walker readies for an upcoming Blue Devil play.



Photograph by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout junior quarterback Kyle Provos gets sacked by an opposing Missouri S & T defender.

Knowing that if they did not respond the game would be put away in a hurry, the Blue Devils rode the legs of Trevor Fiege for their first scoring drive of the game as Kyle Martin tacked on a 30-yard field goal with three minutes remaining in the first half.

Since they kicked the ball off to start the game, UW-Stout received the second half kickoff and made sure to up the level of competition to get back in the game against their Division II opponents. The highlight of this opening drive was a 35-yard carry by Fiege and he ultimately capped off the drive with a five-yard touchdown run for his first collegiate touchdown. This would prove to be the last time UW-Stout reached the end zone until just under a minute left in the game.

With the fate of the game resting in their hands, the Miners played the game of clock control as they put together a few lengthy drives to take as much time off the clock as they could. One of these drives ended with Mike Greaving catching his third touchdown of the night. The score would prove to be the deciding touchdown as the Miners now held a 31-17 lead.

When UW-Stout got the ball back with four minutes remaining in the game, they realized something had to be done if any chance of victory were to remain. What they did was put together a 23-play drive in which they converted four forth-down conversions. The final conversion was an eight-yard scoring strike from Provos to tight end Patrick Mengelkoch with 56 seconds remaining on the game clock. While the game was all but over with after that drive, it showed the fans that the Blue Devils were capable of converting in pressure situations and capable of doing it against a quality opponent. With the remaining games on the schedule being Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference games, each game will be an important building block in trying to unseat the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as conference champions. If they put together four quarters of consistent play, there is no telling what accomplishments this year's team will be able to achieve.

UW-Stout men's golf finishes third of 23 at Twin Cities Classic

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team finished third of 23 teams on Sept. 27-29 at the Twin Cities Classic Invitational.

After the first day of the tournament, the Blue Devils were in sixth place with 298 strokes. Junior Derek Holmes was in fifth place, shooting just two under par with a 70. Sophomore Garret Larson was in 15th, shooting a 74 and sophomore Dieter Zuehlke was in 36th with 76 strokes. Junior Paul Speltz and sophomore Sheldon Haedtke were tied for 57 with 78 strokes.

On the second day of the tournament, UW-Stout moved from sixth to fifth place. Zuehkle moved from 36 to 12 after shaving four strokes off his first day. Holmes slipped one spot to sixth.

Larson was in a tie for 22. Haedtke was tied for 55 and Speltz was tied for 76.

At the end of the tournament the Blue Devils moved up another two spots to finish third of 23 teams with a three-day team total of 894 strokes.

The team was very consistent shooting a 298, 299, and 297 for the three-day breakdowns.

The Blue Devils finished in a tie with Central College and Luther College. Holmes tied for sixth with a three-day total of 218 and Larson finished in a tie for 20 with a total score of 224. Zuehlke tied for 22 with a 225, Speltz finished with 231 strokes in a tie for 48. Haedtke tied for 71 with 237 strokes.

The tournament ended the fall season for the Blue Devils. They will resume play in April.

Suffocating defense propels team to four game win streak



Photograph by Bruce DeMorrow
UW-Stout freshman Katie McKay throws the ball inbounds, which was previously kicked out of play.

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

It turned out that a little home cooking was all the Blue Devil women's soccer team needed to kick start its season into a successful one. After a blowout loss to open up conference play against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the University of Wisconsin-Stout was able to reel off three consecutive shutouts against the likes of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and the University of Dubuque. The last time the soccer team accomplished a feat like this was in 2005.

After their three-game home stand, they traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to take on the Titans, and while they didn't pull out the win, they had a long and arduous battle through two overtimes that eventually ended the game with a 1-1 tie.

The highlight of the four-game winning streak was the goaltending of Jessica Halverson and Taylor Randle.

Halverson recorded two consecutive shutouts against conference foes UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville, while Randle easily handled Dubuque, stopping all nine shots taken against her.

Jessica Price was able to continue her hot foot as she chipped in a goal and an assist during the past four games.

Another UW-Stout player beginning to heat up is Kaitlin Arjes, who recorded either a goal or assist in the three straight victories.

What has continued to impress is the way the team is playing and interacting as one unit.

The defensive unit is providing quality zone play that allows the goalkeeper time to react to any shots being taken against the goal.

The emergence of a number of younger players also gives the Blue Devils the added element of a balanced scoring team and no matter what sport you play, balance is very important because it prevents the opponent from keying in on one or two players.

This distribution of the soccer ball has allowed new players such as Grace Salwasser to contribute two goals and for senior Trisha Alt to corral her first collegiate goal.

As the season continues to roll on, the Blue Devils have nothing to worry about as long as they play solid team defense and continue to rely on the balanced scoring from the newcomers to the upperclassmen.

Coach Meagan Frank and her team are currently in second place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings behind the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

UW-Eau Claire was the preseason favorite to win the conference while UW-Stout was picked to finish seventh and, given the remaining games on its schedule, it has the chance to shatter those expectations.

The Blue Devils will try to get their record back to .500 in their next game, when they play against UW-La Crosse on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m.

Volleyball team struggling

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's volleyball team couldn't pull off a win against Northwestern College on Sept. 30, losing 3-1.

Northwestern won the match with scores of 25-7, 23-24, 25-20 and 25-21. Senior Maggie Meixl, despite a sore back, recorded a team high of 16 kills and only committed three errors to have a .353 hitting percentage. Junior Jenna Swanson added in 11 kills and junior Alicia Mizer added in 21 digs after returning from an injury.

The Blue Devils traveled to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Sept. 26 and 27 to play in the Viterbo Oktoberfest tournament. In the first day of the tournament, the Blue Devils snapped an eight-game losing streak with a win over Cardinal Stritch University. UW-Stout defeated Cardinal Stritch with scores of 25-22, 28-26 and 26-24. Meixl had 16 kills and four blocks against Cardinal Stritch. In its second match of the day, UW-Stout lost to host Viterbo University with scores of 25-17, 25-17 and 25-21. Sophomore Steph Nichols had nine kills in the loss against Viterbo.

On the second day of the tournament, the Blue Devils couldn't pull off a win, dropping both matches of the day. Mount Mercy College defeated the Blue Devils 3-0 with scores of 25-21, 25-20, and 25-23. Swanson had eight kills. The team then lost to Ashford College 3-0 as well with scores of 25-14, 25-21 and 25-18. Swanson had 10 kills. Nichols was named to the all-tournament team.

UW-Stout fell 3-0 to the second nationally-ranked University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks on Sept. 20, losing with scores of 25-19, 25-7, and 25-17. This dropped the Blue Devils to 0-2 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Swanson led the team with six kills. The Blue Devils were 2-10 overall after this match.

In the first conference match of the season on Sept. 19, UW-Stout dropped the match 3-0 against the Univeristy of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans with scores of 25-15, 25-20 and 25-14. The Blue Devils only had the lead once in three sets. Nichols recorded seven kills in the night.

The Blue Devils will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Superior in the "Dig for the Cure" on Oct. 8 to raise breast cancer awareness.



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Blue Devil Tennis

Tennis
Record: 1-4
The Blue Devils tennis team got its first win of the season when it faced off against Bethel University on Saturday, Sept. 27.
The Blue Devils pounded Bethel University, winning the match 8-1. UW-Stout's Allie Hinman was named the WIAC singles player of the week after beating both of her two opponents by large deficits last weekend.
Next meet: (Away) against UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Soccer
Record: 4-5-2
The women's soccer team had been on a winning streak, winning three of its last four games and tying the other, until the team met against Gustavus Adolphus on Wednesday Oct. 1, losing 2-0. When the soccer team played against UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 27, UW-Stout started with the lead. UW-Oshkosh rallied back to tie the game and send it into overtime. There was no scoring in either overtime, ending the game with a tie. The Blue Devils look to get back to .500 this weekend when they face off against UW-La Crosse.
Next game: (Home) against UW-La Crosse on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m.



Blue Devil Football

Football
Record: 2-1
The Blue Devil football team's season was off to a good start, winning both of its first two games, until falling to a NCAA Division II Missouri S&T team. UW-Stout fell into an early 24-10 deficit and couldn't quite come back.
The game did have some exciting moments, as UW-Stout's Ryan Pearcy blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone for a game-tying touchdown. The game concluded with a final score of 31-24, Missouri S&T.
Next meet: (Away) against UW-Platteville on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m.

Allie Hinman named WIAC singles player of the week, women's golf to play in WIAC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 3, men's golf ends regular season third of 23 at the Twin Cities Classic

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Applied Science Speaker Series:
Amanda Little - "GIS, GPS, and Remote Sensing, Oh My! Ecological Application of Spatial Technologies"
11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Room 141, Jarvis Hall Science Wing

"Personal Safety in the Classroom"
By Lisa Walter, Stout's Chief of Police
12:30 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.
Ballroom C, MSC

How to Prepare for the Career Conference Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Tuesday, October 7

Career Conference 2008
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Great Hall and Ballrooms, MSC

Wednesday, October 8

Career Conference 2008
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Great Hall and Ballrooms, MSC

Thursday, October 9

Career Conference 2008
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Great Hall and Ballrooms, MSC

Monday, October 12

Crop Walk, Rock & Roll
Registration: 1 p.m.
Start: 1:30 p.m.
First Congregational Church,
420 Wilson Ave., Menomonie, WI

Wednesday, October 14

Job Searching Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Full Moon Paddle
9 p.m. to 11 p.m.
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Thursday, October 15

Rock & Roll Pizza & Wing Party
4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commons
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tainter

International Students – How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Entertainment

Thursday, October 2

Mayda with The 757's
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, October 3

Blue Sky Canopy
7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Acoustic Café, Menomonie, WI

Thursday, October 9

Open Mic Night
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, October 10

State of Isaac
7 p.m.
Blind Munchies Coffeehouse,
Menomonie, WI

Monday, October 13

Super Campus Search
11 a.m.
SOC Desk

Tuesday, October 14

Soapbox Derby
Construction: Noon to 3:30 p.m.
MSC South Lawn
Races: 4 p.m.
Wilson Ave. and 2nd St. W, Menomonie

Wednesday, October 15

Comedian Dan Cummins
8 p.m.
Great Hall, MSC

Athletics

Friday, October 3

Women's and Men's Cross Country at UW–Eau Claire Invite
4 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Colfax, WI

Women's Golf at WIAC Championships
Arkdale, WI

Saturday, October 4

Tennis at UW-Steven's Point, vs. Ripon College
10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Steven's Point, WI

Volleyball at UW-Steven's Point
1 p.m.
Steven's Point, WI

Football at UW-Platteville
2 p.m.
Platteville, WI

Soccer vs. UW-La Crosse
4 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Women's Golf at WIAC Championships
Arkdale, WI

Sunday, October 5

Women's Golf at WIAC Championships
Arkdale, WI

Tuesday, October 7

Tennis vs. UW-Eau Claire
3 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Wednesday, October 8

Soccer at St. Catherine
4 p.m.
St. Paul, MN

Volleyball vs. UW-Superior
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Saturday, October 11

Football vs. UW-Oshkosh
1 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Soccer vs. UW-Superior
2 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Wednesday, October 15

Soccer at UW-Eau Claire
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Volleyball at UW-Eau Claire
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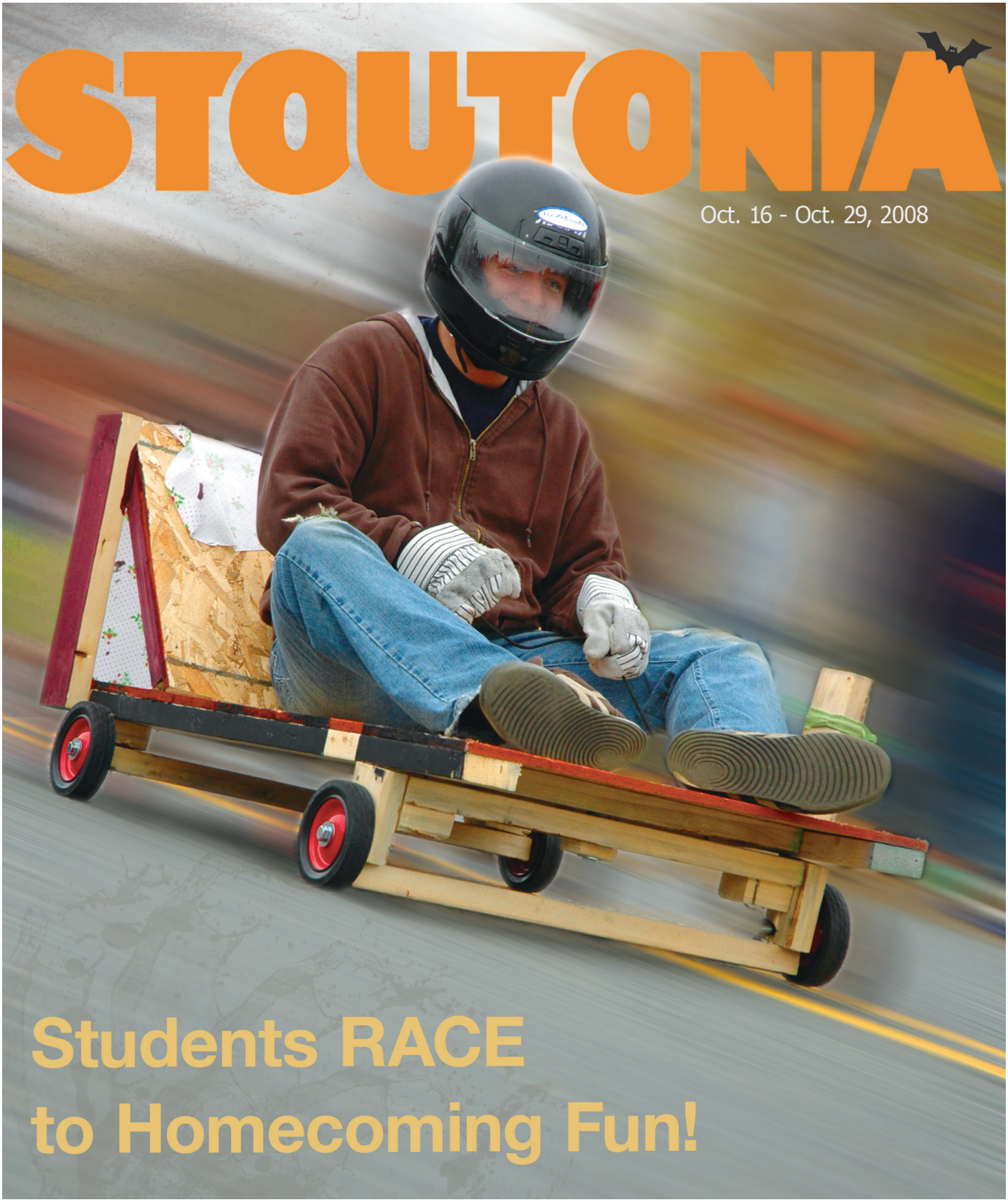
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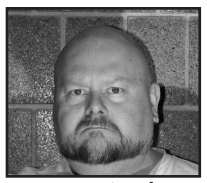
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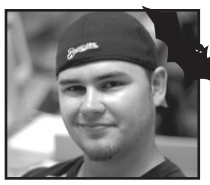
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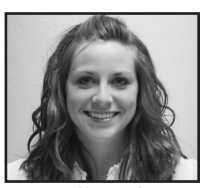

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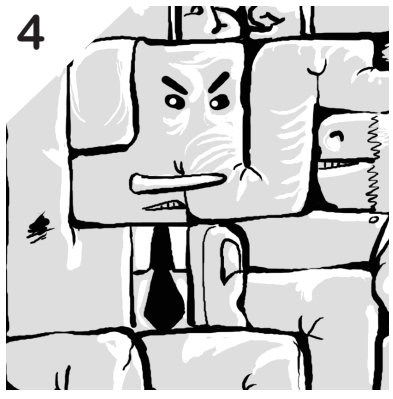
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Something For Everyone | Superhero or not, it's a fun filled week

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

For decades, Homecoming has been a time for celebration of education, athletics and various other fun activities across many college campuses. At the University of Wisconsin–Stout, this is no exception. Each year, the number of events grows, making it seem like there are not enough hours in the day, let alone days in the week. While some students look forward to the sporting events and various other competitions on campus during the week, others choose to go to shows and concerts put on by the school.

Whether you will go to the parties or the parade, homecoming week certainly brings something for everyone. With a full calendar of exciting things to do and see this year, Homecoming 2008 is sure to be a fun time for all.

While some students know exactly what events they plan on attending throughout the week, many other students are confused as to what is going on or what they should see and do.

"I don't really know what's going on," said Neil Murray, a sophomore in the multimedia design program. "I think my lacrosse team is going to the parade together." This is Murray's first year at UW-Stout, as he is a transfer from Rochester Community College. Although he is unsure of what Homecoming means to him so far, Murray said that being on the lacrosse team will bring him to a few events this week. "We are going to be doing the soapbox derby, the Couch-a-thon and we are seeing the magician as a team."

Hannah Schroeder, a freshman in the art education program, has plans to help out an organization that she is actively involved with on campus. "I don't really like football, but I might get to be in the parade for Students for Obama, spreading the word," she said. "I would still like to go to the game though, after the parade." Schroeder and many other students devote countless hours to their clubs and various groups throughout the school year. During Homecoming week, these groups are all the more active and most even compete against each other to show their spirit for UW-Stout.



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia
A student races his organization's soapbox car Tuesday, Oct. 14, on Wilson Ave. & 2nd St. W.

"I don't think students know that we put on all of the events," Nick Sorrentino said of Blue Devil Productions. Sorrentino is a senior majoring in multimedia design as well as the executive producer of Blue Devil Productions. "Something new this year is the Campus Wide Search," Sorrentino said. Students in various organizations can compete in this fun activity that revolves around searching for clues scattered throughout the entire campus starting Monday.

A few of the other events that BDP is putting on include the comedian on Wednesday and the magician on Friday. Sorrentino and his crew will also conduct interviews with royalty candidates to see who can best reveal their superhero "super self". BDP will also be selling the Homecoming T-shirts this year which are available at the service desk in the MSC for only $6 this week.

Besides the students, other people connected to the university and community are excited for a busy week in Dunn County. While alumni will pour in for the various games and gatherings, local businesses near campus await a week-long rush of visitors and craziness.

"Our business will probably get all the way to $5,000 on Saturday," said Jeremy Richardson, manager of Dominos Pizza. "That is three times as busy as a regular business day," Richardson commented on the need for extra staff during the extended weekend. While pizzas are likely to be ordered by the dozen during this weekend, Dominos isn't the only business expecting a mad rush.

Dan Rosas, a senior in the industrial design program and Waterfront employee expects a similar feeling in the restaurant and bar within the next few days. "In the past they have had to close the kitchen early because the bar was so crowded." Rosas also works at the new Legacy Chocolates location and hopes for a busy weekend there as well.

As alumni book their hotel rooms and students lay out their Blue Devil attire, Homecoming week is in full swing. Although it is only one week out of the year, it is a great way to set the mood for the remainder of the semester and school year. Taking time off from studies and commitments and letting yourself go is what Homecoming is all about. Break out the blue, get outside and have some fun. If you take a look around campus this week it's really hard to miss the events and activities. So, whether you're a student or just like to have a good time, UW-Stout's homecoming definitely has something in store for you this year.

For more information on the end of the week events, visit Blue Devil Productions at www.bdp.uwstout.edu or email homecoming@uwstout.edu with any questions you have.



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia
Alix Lahren paints a superhero for her organization, Alpha Phi, on a window in the MSC Terrace.

End of the week events

Thursday, October 16

- **Couch-a-Thon**
  Starts at 12 p.m. on the MSC South Lawn (Ends Friday at 12 p.m.).
- **Superhero Stunts**
  Starts at 7 p.m. on the MSC South Lawn.

Friday, October 17

- **Coronation + Magician Derek Hughes**
  8 p.m., Great Hall, MSC.

Saturday, October 18

- **Parade + Football Game**
  The route starts at the Dunn County Recreation Park, follows Main Street to Ninth Street, then south on Ninth to Wilson Avenue. The parade then proceeds on Wilson Avenue to Third Street, ending near the Johnson Fieldhouse. Line-up at 9 a.m. and parade starts at 11 a.m. You can also download the parade route map.
  Kickoff for the football game is set to begin at 1 p.m.
  (www.bdp.uwstout.edu)

Obama vs. McCain | A Frontrunner Comparison

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

Here is a quick look at Obama and McCain on some of these issues with stances taken from debate transcripts and candidate websites:

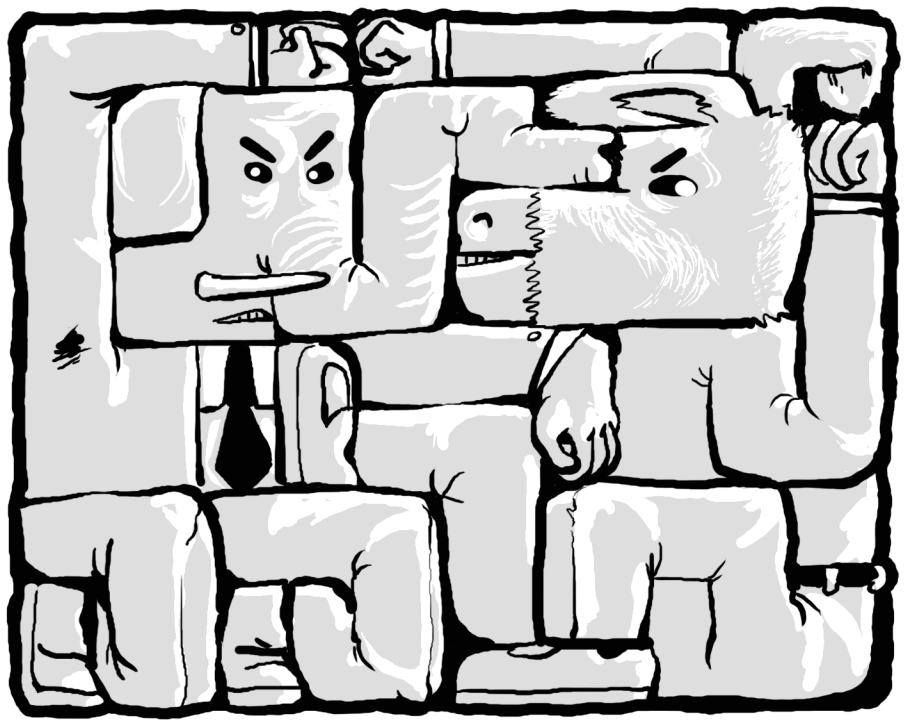
Iraq, National Security and Foreign Policy

Obama:
- Supports a phased withdrawal of troops from Iraq, saying "we have weakened our capacity to project power around the world because we have viewed everything through this single lens."
- "There has never been a country on earth that saw its economy decline and yet maintained its military superiority," Obama continued, pointing out that we are now spending $10 billion or more every month in Iraq at a time of economic unrest at home. "The next president," he concluded, "has to have a broader strategic vision about all the challenges that we face."
- Believes we should fight terrorism at its "root cause, and that is in Afghanistan and Pakistan."
- Mentioned nuclear proliferation several times as a necessary supplement to defense spending.
- Stated that diplomatic talks should not be as limited by preconditions as they have been under President Bush.
- Is "interested in doubling the Peace Corps so that military families and our troops are not the only ones bearing the burden of renewing America."

McCain:
- Stated that he believes "Iraq is the central battleground" and that a set date of withdrawal would have created "a wider war, we would have been back, Iranian influence would have increased, [and] al Qaeda would have re-established a base."
- Would continue the troop surge, "a strategy that has worked and can succeed," and expand the strategy to "double the size of the Afghan army."
- Believes engaging in diplomacy without preconditions with enemies legitimizes their beliefs and behaviors.
- Believes that the nation's military spending should be funded through the normal budget cycle to preserve transparency.

The Economy

Obama:
- Plans to "close corporate loopholes, stop providing tax cuts to corporations that are shipping jobs overseas," and get rid of tax cuts for the wealthy.
- Told Americans that "95 percent of you will get a tax cut; and if you make less than $250,000…you will not see one dime's worth of tax increase."
- Believes that although "business taxes on paper are high in this country…there are so many loopholes that have been written into the tax code…that we actually see our businesses pay effectively one of the lowest tax rates in the world."
- Called a spending freeze "using a hatchet where you need a scalpel."
- Wants to give small businesses "a 50 percent tax credit to help provide health care."



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

McCain
- Stated he'd veto any spending bills with earmarks, which he describes as "a gateway to out-of-control spending and corruption."
- Is in favor of "doubling your tax exemption for every child from $3,500 to $7,000."
- Stated that US business "pays the second-highest business taxes in the world, 35 percent," and that he would cut that tax to keep businesses in the U.S.
- Recommends "a spending freeze except for defense, Veterans Affairs, and some other vital programs."
- Wants "every family to have a $5,000 refundable tax credit so they can go out and purchase their own health care."

Education

Obama:
- Plans to give Teacher Service Scholarships covering four years of undergraduate or two years of graduate teacher education in exchange for teaching four years in a high-need field or location.
- Plans to allow districts to design programs to reward qualified teachers who serve as mentors to new teachers with salary increases.
- Plans to create an American Opportunity Tax Credit to offer most Americans $4,000 toward a college education with a requirement of 100 hours of community service.
- Wants to reform and fully fund No Child Left Behind.

McCain:
- Plans to devote five percent of Title II funding to recruiting teachers that graduated in the top 25 percent of their class.
- Plans to devote 60 percent of Title II funding to bonuses for quality teachers who locate in the most challenging areas, teachers in subjects like math and science, and teachers who create improvement.
- Supports targeting $500 million to new virtual schools and online course development.
- Wants to empower parents with a greater choice on where to send their children to school.

Energy and Climate Change

Obama:
- Proposes expanding domestic oil reserve exploitation in areas such as Alaska.
- Advocates cap and trade system on greenhouse gas emissions with credits that must be auctioned and proceeds given to green investments.
- Supports expanding nuclear power plants with safe waste treatment techniques.
- Would aim to increase fuel standards four percent per year, get a million plug-in hybrid cars on the road by 2015, and reduce carbon in fuel by 10 percent by 2020.
- Proposes re-engaging with the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change.

McCain:
- Also supports expanding domestic oil reserve exploitation.
- Advocates a market-based cap and trade system with a federal reserve of credits.
- Strongly advocates nuclear power as a transition off of oil.
- Has outlined a timetable to return greenhouse gas emissions to 2005 levels by 2012 and 66 percent below 2005 levels by 2050.
- Promotes adoption of a plan based on national and regional scientific assessments.

Following a trail of dust and debates

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

As the dust began to settle from one of America's most extravagantly contested and fervently watched presidential primary election seasons, two victors emerged. Since then, Senator Barack Obama (D) and Senator John McCain (R) have once again given rise to the churning of dust along the campaign trail for president of the United States of America. Two presidential debates, as well as a debate between vice president candidates Joe Biden (D) and Sarah Palin (R), have received a substancial amount of media coverage. By the publication of this article, the final debate will have given us our last head-to-head between Obama and McCain.

Although Wisconsin voters will have nine choices for United States president and vice president on their ballots this Nov. 4, our aforementioned frontrunners were placed in the unique position of being the only two candidates at the debates. Despite this fact, choosing who to vote for can be difficult. One way to unleash the fury of your college-honed critical thinking upon the question is to identify the issues essential to you.

The economy, national security and foreign policy, the war in Iraq and health care have been the primary focus of the first two presidential debates. Education and climate change may also top the list for students and young Americans alike. In addition to the debates, you can read about candidates' stances and solutions to issues on their Web sites.

Visit www.barackobama.com and www.johnmccain.com or Google your issue for more information.

Getting Out YOUR Vote this November

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

In just under three weeks, American voters will make history. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, America will choose the forty-fourth President of the United States. This will mark the first opportunity many University of Wisconsin-Stout students have had to participate in our nation's democratic process.

According to Rock The Vote, an organization using pop culture, music and new technologies to encourage young people to vote, there are now 44 million eligible voters aged 18 to 29, representing over 20 percent of the American electorate. In the 2004 Presidential election, this age group had a voter turnout of 49 percent, up 9 percent from 2000.

In addition to the Presidency and Vice Presidency, ballots cast in Menomonie will include candidates for third district Representative to the U.S. House of Representatives, 10th district Wisconsin State Senator, and 29th district Wisconsin State Assemblyman, as well as District Attorney, County Clerk, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds. A city referendum on state health care reform will also be included. Sample ballots may be obtained from your Municipal Clerk.

Casting your vote in Menomonie has three simple requirements. First, you must have lived at your current Menomonie residence for at least 10 days before the election. If you've voted in Menomonie previously, you'll have to reregister if your address has changed—even if you've only moved down the hall or across the street.

Next, bring your completed Wisconsin Voter Registration Application (EB-131) with proof of residence to the polls on Election Day. For more information on how to vote, including a downloadable registration form, visit elections.state.wi.us. Acceptable forms of valid proof of residence are listed on the application.

Finally, walk, bike, drive, hitchhike, skateboard or otherwise transport yourself to your polling location and cast your ballot. South campus residents vote in the Glass Lounge of Price Commons, and north campus residents vote in the basement of the Dunn County Government Center. If you live off campus, your polling place is assigned according to which ward you live in. A ward map and corresponding polling locations can be found on the Menomonie City Web site (www.menomonie-wi.gov/user_documents/ward-map.pdf). Polls are open Nov. 4 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may also choose to cast your ballot at your place of permanent residence by either traveling there or casting an absentee ballot. For more information on absentee voting, contact your Municipal Clerk or visit elections.state.wi.us.

State Legislature Debates

The University Student Senate of the Stout Student Association is sponsoring a debate on Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the MSC. Tenth district Wisconsin State Senator candidates Alison H. Page (D) and Sheila Harsdorf (R), as well as twenty-ninth district State Assembly candidates Chris Buckel (D) and John Murtha (R) have agreed to attend.

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The Niche reopens in time for Homecoming

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

The mob of students on the second floor of the Home Economics building Wednesday weren't all rushing to class.

And no teacher was handing out coffee and donuts. The Niche, a student-run store in Room 211 in the Home Economics building, opened its doors at 9 a.m. on Oct. 15. By 10 a.m., students, faculty and staff were filling the store, looking at the Homecoming apparel, gifts, Burts' Bees' products, signing up for raffles and grabbing free donuts and coffee.

Students in the retail merchandising program must complete an internship to graduate. The Niche is essentially a class that fulfills this internship. Each student has a different job in making the store a success. Some students travelled to three different cities to find the products that they sell, while other products sold are made by students.

The Niche has something for everyone: unique gifts, UW-Stout apparel, stationary and great coffee if you aren't looking to shop.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia
UW-Stout students, faculty and staff line up at the register to purchase their Niche goodies Oct. 15 at its reopening.

Going trayless?

Alyssa Anttila
Staff Writer

College campuses around the country are jumping on the bandwagon and going trayless.

"We will not be going trayless," said University Dining Services Director, Ann Thies. "It isn't something that would be good for our campus."

Going trayless is exactly what it sounds like: student dining centers are eliminating trays as a way to potentially reduce food and water waste. According to food service provider Aramark Higher Education, going trayless "decreases waste, conserves natural resources (namely, energy and water) and reduces the introduction of polluting detergents, rinses and drying agents into the water table" (www.aramarkhighered.com/).

"Andy Schrell, a junior in the dietetics program, is glad UW-Stout will not be going trayless anytime soon.

"There would be less incentive to come here [Tainter] to eat," said Schrell.

Currently the University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State University have tested going trayless on their campuses.

"It's been good," said Katrina Pelzel, a sophomore at St. Cloud State University. "I find myself taking less food, but it is annoying having to take so many trips to get my food."

Thies, along with other faculty and administration, have researched the idea of going trayless but have come to the conclusion that it wouldn't suit UW-Stout with the current way the dining facilities are run.

"Pleasing the customer [students] is our number-one goal," said Thies. "It would be very inconvenient for students to go back and forth several times to get their food. Eating lunch or dinner should be an enjoyable experience."

Thies estimated that students would have to return to the salad bar or beverage area over five times before they had all the food they wanted to eat. This would also create more cross traffic in the dining facilities, which is already a problem at high times during the day. Thies also commented on the fact that the layouts of Tainter Dining Hall and Price Commons are not "conducive" to going trayless.

"It would be a long walk from the food stations to tables, and then having to pass back to the service area could get confusing for registers," said Thies.

Many colleges have decided to go trayless due to the rising cost of food in the past year.

"The impact on water supplies and food costs would be minimal," said Thies. "Our food costs are already 7 percent lower than the national average."

Other advocates for going trayless also believe students will take less food since they do not have a tray to pile up items. They would then be eating less and avoiding the "freshman 15." This isn't necessarily the case.

"Students will pick the foods that fit less dishes, which would exclude salads and healthy items," said Thies. "They would probably stick to 'comfort foods' which are starches and desserts."

On average, studies done by the University Dining Services estimate that students produce approximately five ounces of food waste per person and about 1.5 ounces of liquid waste per person each time they visit the cafeteria. Students should keep in mind how much food they are taking when passing through the dining line, as whatever isn't eaten is thrown away.



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Hovlid Hall construction approved

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

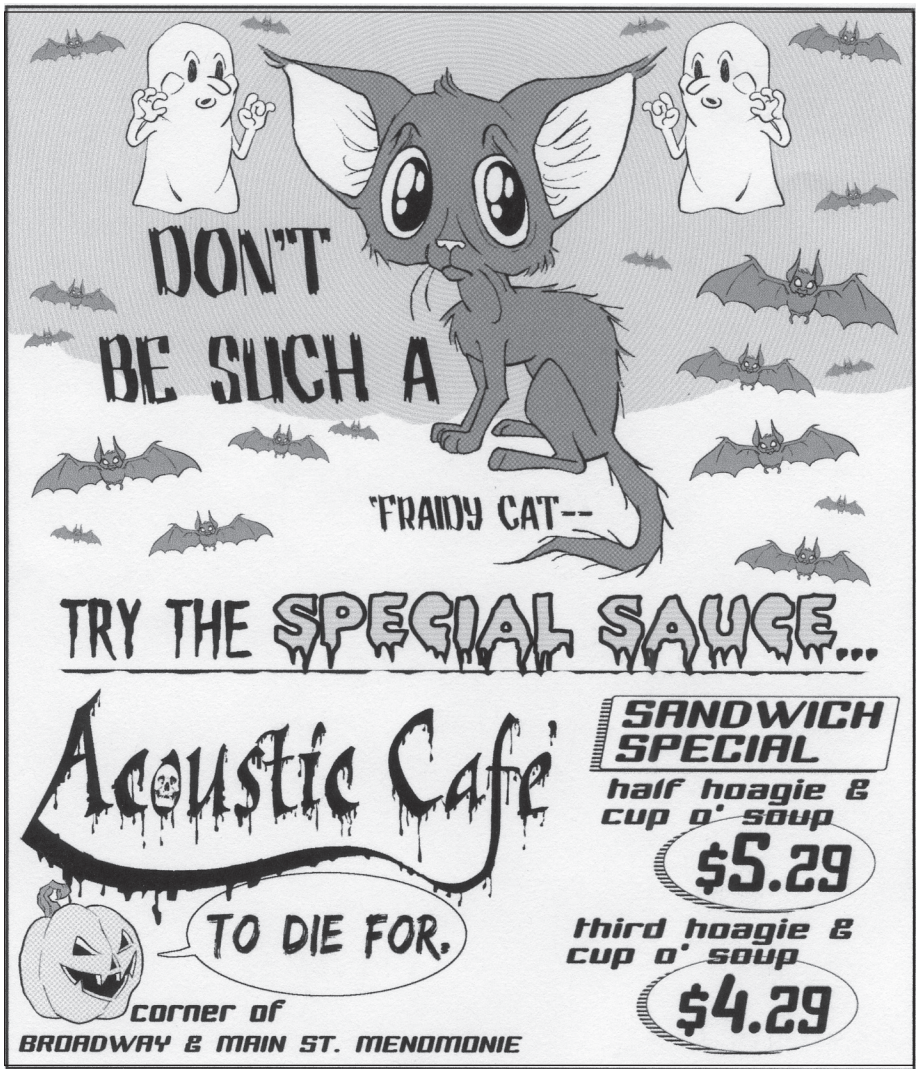
The Wisconsin State Building Commission approved the renovation of Hovlid Hall and addition of a new dining facility on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus Wednesday, Oct. 15.

"All of UW-Stout is grateful that UW officials, legislators and Gov. Jim Doyle have allowed us to proceed with this project," said Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen. "Our students will benefit by having the use of a first-class dining facility and a renovated residence hall."

Among plans is a new dining hall to connect Hovlid and Fleming Halls, and a new lobby area and updating of living areas as well as health and safety features in Hovlid Hall. Forty-thousand square feet will be renovated. The costs, totaling $12.4 million, will be paid through room and dining fees, not by taxpayers.

Construction of the new dining facility is scheduled to start in June 2009. The renovation of Hovlid Hall is scheduled to start in January 2010. Both are scheduled to be completed by fall 2010.





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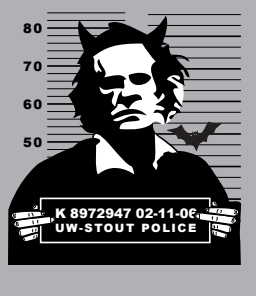
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Stout apparel fashion show The women underneath the clothes

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

Three UW-Stout Apparel Design and Development seniors shined at the Eau Claire Ramada Fall & Winter 2008 Fashion Show.

Pop-culture gems "Project Runway" and "America's Next Top Model" give viewers insight into the inner workings of the fashion world, and depict this fast-paced industry as both glamorous and chaotic. University of Wisconsin-Stout students Lindsey Carrier, Rose Deutchman and Jessica Idso experienced some of this glitz, glam and chaos when they showed their collections at the Eau Claire Ramada Fall Winter 2008 Fashion Show on Oct. 10.

At 6:30 p.m., two hours before the show was set to start, you could sense the anticipation in the air at the Ramada Convention Center, located at 205 South Barstow St., Eau Claire. Models from Minneapolis, Eau Claire and UW-Stout were anxiously pacing the risers, practicing their walks and poses. The show's coordinators zoomed between the backstage area and the catwalk, debating the last minute logistics of the show. Amidst the buzzing crowd of people, fifth-year apparel design and development student, Lindsey Carrier, was calmly taking it all in. When asked how the show was going, she noted with a smile, "Fine. I'm going to sit and eat. I haven't eaten since breakfast." Carrier's laid-back attitude comes from her past experience in working both with "Silhouettes," the Stout Apparel Society Fashion Show, and her two internships with designer Ana Sui and Kohl's.

However, Carrier had eaten no more than two bites into her sandwich before she had to consult with fellow UW-Stout designer Idso, about the music for her collection. Idso, a senior in the apparel design and development program, has industry experience through a summer internship with designer Jill Stuart and her past work with "Silhouettes." Though the crisis at hand was the missing music for Idso's models to walk to, both women remained calm as they headed to Carrier's car to pick out a song.

According to Idso and Carrier, the designers typically don't pick out a show's music, but instead they are in charge of the models' overall look, including hair, makeup and clothing ensemble. In the Fall Winter 2008 show, the designers got little say over the overall aesthetic of their models as the show's coordinators made hair and makeup choices. In comparing her experiences with past "Silhouette" shows to the Fall Winter show, Carrier said, "I know it sounds silly, but to put the whole look together... it's really important to find the right shoes and the right hair and makeup. As a real designer you get to have that control, which we haven't gotten to do here."

Despite the differences between their former experiences and the Fall Winter 2008 show, all three designers felt the show would be helpful in gaining industry experience. As senior designer and model Rose Deutchman was touching up her makeup and her walk, she said she was not that anxious about the show. "I'm not running it this time so I feel a little more relaxed…it's a lot of fun and the music really helps to get us going."

An hour later the feeling among the three designers was less relaxed. With the arrival of local designer Huey Yang and the hair stylists from The Tannery and Hairbenders, the backstage area became crowded and soon hair spray and clothes were flying. All three designers began to dive into last minute prep, the final tweaking of outfits and the final touch-ups on their own hair and makeup. Detuchman, who was also walking for a few of the professional designers, was scrambling to get into her garment. However, despite the chaos, Deutchman and Idso both mentioned the stress wasn't anything they weren't used to. "I have homework and classes, two jobs and the show. No one in apparel has time; your friends are the other people in apparel," said Deutchman.

Finding a balance between working in fashion and having a life was something all three designers could relate to personally. Carrier said on finding balance, "I try to find the reason why I'm into it. It doesn't have to be about designer labels and it doesn't have to be about the trends. It has to make you happy." Idso feels the amount of work that goes into being an apparel major helps keep her down to earth. "People don't realize how hard it is…you get the 'oh, they're apparel' and we say 'no, you don't understand.' They think we just draw all day, but really it's a lot more than that at Stout. You learn every aspect of how to make clothing."



Tasha Sookochoff/Stoutonia

Student designer Jessica Idso helps dress a model for her collection.



Tasha Sookochoff/Stoutonia

Apparel design and development students from left to right: Rose Deutchman, Lindsey Carrier and Jessica Idso.

The designers' education from UW-Stout appeared to have paid off. When it was finally time for their collections to be shown, the women's models delivered without a hitch. After seeing professional collections from Tigerlilly, EXPRESS, Maurices, Katmandu and Isabelle and Co., the crowd warmly received the student designers' collections. As the models from all three designers took to the runway, audible gasps could be heard from the crowd and more than one audience member was taken aback at the complexity of their work. Closing the show and receiving equally warm praise was the collection from Huey Yang.

As the show came to a close, Deutchman and Carrier were backstage packing up their collections. In her thoughts on how the show went, Deutchman exclaimed, "Woo, it was good! You know, there were some problems with the dresses…but it felt so good to have the audience get into it!" Carrier was also happy with the outcome of the show, "I'm relieved the show went well. I think the song choice was really good and I'm happy it's over." Idso, who was taking the last bit of the show in with her family said, "I think it went really well and I'm happy with how pleased the crowd was."

With one more experience under their belts, the designers are looking forward to their futures. Carrier, who graduates in December, is planning on taking some time off school to travel before looking for a job in New York. Deutchman and Idso, who are both graduating at a later date, are anticipating the showing of their senior collections in the spring 2009 "Silhouettes" show.



UW-STOUT Water Ski Team

Travis Shipman
Staff Writer

How many people are willing to get in Lake Menomin?

Quite a few, on the UW-Stout water ski team...well, unless they never fall.

"The UW-Stout water ski team consists of about 40 students," said Nick Tomsyck, a junior in the manufacturing engineering program and water ski team member. "For practices, you can do whatever you would like to do or try." "You can even learn how to perform the basics and some tricks."

The team has a number of competitions. "The tournaments consist of three different events: jump, trick skiing and slalom," said Tomsyck. In 2003, they were state champions and National Collegiate Barefoot Champions, and in 2007 they were Collegiate Extreme Champions.

If you're interested in finding out more about the ski team, go to one of the Wednesday night meetings at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center, or contact Nate Hildenbrant at hildenbrantn@uwstout.edu.



Photo contributed by Nick Tomsyck
Junior Nick Tomsyck flips in Lake Menomin during a UW-Stout ski team practice.



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Oh no! The Stoutonia has been overrun by bats! Help us count all the bats in this issue so we can exterminate them. These bats are pretty sneaky and manage to find their way into the oddest of places. However, for some reason, they hate the smell of ads. The total number of bats will be displayed in the next issue of the Stoutonia.

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Atheists and believers - unite!

Scott Jeffers
UW-Stout student contributor

In recent years, atheists and agnostics have been beating the drums of a cultural war against radical Christianity. However, this trend must expand to the larger religious culture within America. Moderate and liberal Christians need to also start openly opposing the goals of radical Christianity, but they must do so with the reason and compassion that Jesus taught.

First, know that I am an atheist, so I do not believe in any supernatural entity or spiritual phenomenon. However, this does not mean that I can't find common ground with those who are religious. Our argument is one of interpretation of the physical world, not the innate morality of individuals.

A new movement is taking over our era. Science has disproven nearly every literal interpretation of religious doctrines. Believers and skeptics alike must now find a common cause against those who reject rationality. The radical Christian reaction to this meme is a denial of rationality, and often manifests itself as hatred for those who do not accept a literal interpretation of the Bible.

It would help my point if I define what it means to be a radical Christian. Basically, it's a Christian who insists on a literal interpretation of the Bible. Every Bronze Age law must be followed to the letter; this means no rights for homosexuals or those who follow other religions, and submitting to a code of ethics developed by humans who are three hairs away from apes.

Moderate and liberal Christians, on the other hand, are more apt to view the Bible as a series of metaphors and parables. They carefully consider the scriptures and ideas, and then make decisions based on their own instincts. These Christians are less concerned with dogma than they are with the compassion and love taught by their savior.

The arguments on both sides of religious debates are well-known. Scientists and philosophers such as Richard Dawkins and Daniel Dennett have been in the forefront of this cultural divide for years. These thinkers have done enormous good for the world of science, but their usefulness is coming to an end. However, Dawkins and those similar to him are ignored by the Biblical literalists.

Moderate Christians must now rise up as they have done in the past to oppose the hatred of those like the Westboro Baptist Church. I have seen firsthand the enormous outpour of love and compassion given to the families harassed by this Church. Thousands of believers and non-believers alike rose to the occasion to oppose hate. However, we must also oppose the ignorance of those like Pastor Thomas Muthee, who hunts witches and casts spells of victory for right-wing crazies. Moderate Christians already oppose the ideology of hate and they must continue to oppose ignorance.

Now, like in the movements of the past, moderate Christians must stand up for the compassion that Jesus spoke of. The wisdom of the Bible is obvious to all in, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (NIV, John 13:34). However, just as plainly, it can also be a source of barbarism and ignorance: "If a man still prophesies, his parents, father and mother, shall say to him, 'You shall not live, because you have spoken a lie in the name of the Lord.' When he prophesies, his parents, father and mother, shall thrust him through." (NAB Zechariah 13:3) The obvious love and wisdom are apparent in this first quote, while hate and ignorance drip from the last.

This is a call to modern Christians: think for yourself about which lessons in the Bible God would intend for you to follow. Do you truly believe that a benevolent God wishes you to follow Bronze Age rituals that lead to genocide?

Believers and skeptics will not begin to agree on every specific reading of scripture, but we can agree on the basic humanity inherent in all of us. Whether this humanity is imposed on us by God or is intrinsic to our nature, we are all just creatures trying to understand the strange world around us. Let's not complicate our world by drawing divides where none exist. We must use both our rationality and our compassion to understand the common struggles we all have.

Student, meet ballot

Haley Clapp
UW-Stout student contributor

With the publicity of campaigns like "Rock the Vote" and "Declare Yourself" it now is becoming clearer to students that voting is more than making a decision between the Democratic or Republican parties. It's making your mark as an individual, literally. Even if you are not into the political scene, or are intimidated by the complexity of it all, or you simply aren't interested, it is hard to ignore the popularity of the Sarah Palin parodies on SNL or all of the trendy Barack Obama T-shirts.



Thanks to the media and social networks like Facebook, it is easier than ever to understand the issues at hand and voice your opinions. While many join online chat rooms or slap stickers on their rear windshields, the most influential action you can make this November is to get out there and vote! Don't be like Paris Hilton (after wearing a "Vote or Die" shirt and participating in the 2004 election campaign, she somehow "forgot" to vote). Make sure you are following through with your decision by making it official.

You may be thinking it's a waste of time – after all, how will one vote out of millions really make a difference? In fact, there have been numerous occasions over the last century where a political outcome has come down to just a few, or even one, vote. In 1977, Sydney Nixon was believed to be appointed Vermont State Representative by just one vote, with 570 votes to 569. However, Mr. Nixon resigned when the State House conducted a recount and determined that he had lost to Robert Emond, with 572 votes to 571. Although there will be more than 1,143 people voting this fall, that is not to say you shouldn't be one of them, especially considering that our generation will be the one that's most affected by future changes.

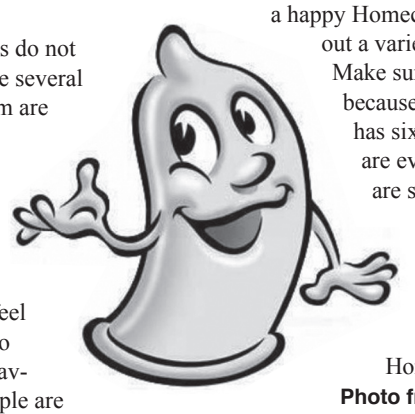
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Safe sex becomes even easier

Tiffany Willits
UW-Stout student contributor

These days, many students do not engage in safe sex and there are several excuses given, but none of them are good. Someone may not use a condom because they don't want to hurt their partner's feelings, or because they don't feel comfortable bringing it up. Some people complain that condoms don't feel good. There are even those who get a thrill of taking a risk of having unprotected sex. Some people are too lazy to go find one, finding themselves too caught up in the "heat of the moment."



It is never a good idea to practice unprotected sex. Wouldn't you rather be safe than sorry?

Here's a little known fact: the rubber condom was developed in the 1840s after the invention of vulcanized rubber. This is the same rubber used by Goodyear Tires. Here's something else that doesn't seem to be widely known: The entire week of Oct. 13-17, the Student Health Center is handing out free condom variety packs to the students who choose to take the hike to the Health Center located across from Wigen Hall on North Campus. I'd like to give compliments to Homecoming and the Peer Health Educators who are wishing everyone a happy Homecoming by giving out a variety of condoms. Make sure you stop down, because every free pack has six condoms. Some are even flavored (there are strawberry, grape, chocolate and even cola). Make sure to spread the word, and have a safe and happy Homecoming!

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letters to the editor

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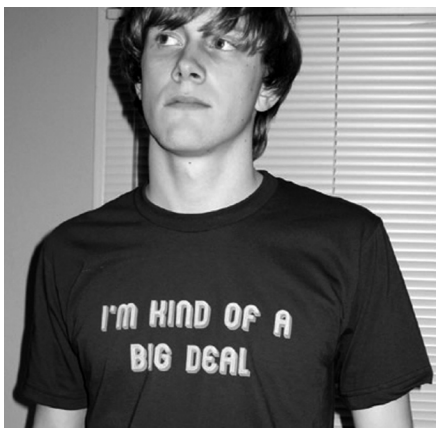
Negative T-shirts equals negative cool factor

Jack Lawrence
UW-Stout student contributor

As a graphic design student and general fan of the aesthetically pleasing, there's a certain clothing trend I've been waiting to see the end of for a pretty good while now. For what feels like decades, the novelty t-shirt industry has been plagued by a seemingly unshakable fascination with negative sayings printed on shirts in wild, in-your-face fonts, sometimes underscored by a snappy image. The usual culprits broadcast lovely phrases like, "The best part of having ADHD is that I don't have to listen to you," and "No one cares." Strangely enough, this awkwardly unfunny at best (and mildly offensive at worst) trend of slapping a solid color shirt with a "clever" insult seems to affect both boys' and girls' shirts intended for all ages and sizes.

Seriously, who wears these shirts? I never see them in catalogues, and only rarely on real people. The main habitat of these strange clothing anomalies seems to be the bargain wracks at Kohl's and grocery stores. Department stores will occasionally succumb to what I can only assume is an overwhelmingly convincing blackmail scenario and put some of these shirts out for sale, but they usually turn up in random places around stores, as if they gleefully hung themselves up, rather than actually being approved by an actual person.

I also can't quite decide who the intended customer is. The bright colors and cute pictures found on such classics as the "Why are you stupid?" and "Boys are smelly, throw rocks at them" shirts lead me to believe they were originally created with girls in mind, but I've never met a girl that was stylistically clueless enough to wear one. The solid-black-with-white-writing version that make jokes about not paying attention or wishing people were piñatas so they could be hit with sticks are pretty obviously pointed at boys, but again, I've stumbled upon only a handful of people truly dorky enough to put one of these things on. My closest guess as to who could possibly want these shirts, a hypothesis which was eventually yielded only after countless hours of exhaustive mathematical experimentation and over a dozen sessions of deep, philosophical soul-searching, is the heartbreakingly unhip, bald, middle-aged white guy who leans against the office water cooler with his tie slung over his shoulder as he entertains his brainless colleagues time after time with the ageless, invariable god of one-liners: "That's what she said!"



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What if you saw one of these sayings (like "Enough with the learning already!") on a billboard along the side of a major highway? I have a feeling I would double take and find myself in oncoming traffic, so why is it considered socially ok for a t-shirt to bear such a message? I tell you friends, I can't be the only one who thinks "free hugs" is a more pleasing phrase to have printed across one's chest than "it's not that I'm ignoring you, you're just boring."

I won't hold my breath until the day T-shirt artists finally realize that the idea of the negative novelty tee is a complete air ball, but it would sure be nice if one or two of the dorks behind this annoying trend would stop surfing internet porn at work for five minutes and get a clue.

Crosswalks are there for a reason

Brandon Adams
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Don't worry, every speeding car will stop for you. Don't worry; looking before you cross the street is not necessary. Don't worry, you're a college student and you've earned these opportunities to be careless!

Every driver knows that you're about to cross, and they're prepared for the fact that you are likely to randomly walk in front of their cars with no warning. As one of those drivers, I am always prepared, at any given minute, for some random backpacker will bounce out in front of me.

Let's get serious, people. Crosswalks are there to keep pedestrians safe. But that does not mean that we should not be looking both ways before we cross! There are plenty of drivers lacking the ability to pay attention to the road, and it takes mere seconds to glance one way and then the other. You definitely are not too cool or too important to not look before crossing. We all walk to class, and how can we be so lazy as to not to look both ways? Get off your phone, quit sipping your frap and just look. There are days in which I think that the only way you'll learn is when one of you gets smoked.

The concept of the crosswalks being some sort of an automatic safe haven also seems to be considered by not only walkers, but by skateboarders and also by students on rollerblades. They also tend to zoom right across the crosswalk without even looking.

Look at it this way; many changes are not made until it is too late. Let us open our eyes and turn our heads. Look before you cross. It's NOT too much to ask.

Poetry Corner

Choke Chain by G. B. Oaks
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1000 days wasted and countless tears tasted,
I'd give it all back, take the chance, try to change it.
Trade my spent time like a day's worth a dime,
But I can't backtrack time, you can never replace it.
I grew from our talks but your word was the limit,
now the sky's looking boundless, an orange sun's in it.
It was like a choke chain draped around my neck,
and every time I evinced my soul, I'd lose a little slack.
Now I'm free from that hold, from your grasp, from your cold,
and I'll move on without you,
without being told.

Leave the judging for the jury

Kaitlin Essick
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Look at the person sitting next to you in class, or the kid riding their bicycle through town. Peer through the window of Acoustic Café on a Thursday night, and notice a crowd listening to the evening entertainment. Notice the individuals passing you by, and hopefully you will realize that we are all individuals who live independently from others.

If there is one thing I have grown to hate, it's ignorance. This stems from living in the relatively small town of Menomonie ("small" if you are comparing it to New York City or Spring Valley, Wisconsin). I have noticed a couple of things. Growing up, I have witnessed and felt an absence of acceptance towards those who are something other than conventional; those who disregard the name-brand clothing, or those toss the typical sports-guru persona out of the window. Instead these are people who possess something more creative, who are inspired by art, culture, music, fashion, passion and emotions. I could go on and on.

I am not sure whether it is the small-town atmosphere that contributes to ridicule, or if it's instead the small-minded people. To be frank, it bothers me when I notice judgments about a person just because of a personal style they've created, or a unique haircut, or the music they may listen to or whatever else. So what if his pants are tighter than his little sister's? Who cares if his hair is longer than most girls'? What's it to you if she dresses more avant-garde than what was in yesterday? Chances are that these people being judged have more self-awareness, as well as more insight to life and the world around them than those who are doing the judging. Before you make a mockery out of somebody else, the least you could do is see what they are about.

I feel we can all learn something from the people surrounding us. And those who take the opportunity to do so benefit more than they're probably aware of. Whether it is to better oneself, or, if you are truly lucky, share an inspiration, take on a standard you may not be aware of and try it out yourself. Open your eyes and you will open your mind. Stretch towards a new horizon, and don't be afraid to take the alternative route. It's disappointing to hear and see people demean others for irrational reasons. I feel the real person being degraded is the one passing judgment. Their ignorance is shameful, but what a great masking agent to cover up such a small-minded individual.

Taunting, teasing and judging – oh, please. Come on. Try taking the energy you spend on judging others, and maybe channel it into reality. We shall all be who we want to be. And if you aren't, then perhaps you need to find your way to the path of self-discovery.

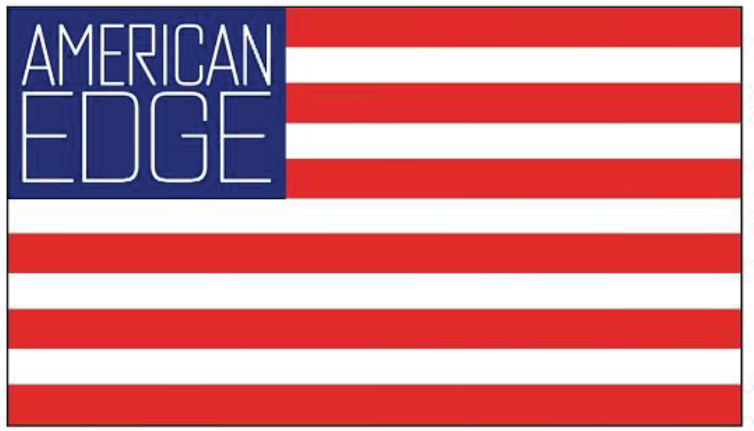
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #2	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
1	1	116 17th Street NE	$500	$500	n/a	n/a	Cute house w/ 1-car garage, washer & dryer, large yard	H
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$330	$165	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3
2	1	921 Main Street #2	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Good location, parking, nice-sized rooms, porch	4
2	1	921 Main Street #4	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
2	1	1506 6th Street	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	1415 4th Street West	$425	$213	n/a	n/a	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	D
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street	$425	$213	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	421 13th Avenue West	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Large apt, nice-sized rooms, parking, lawn care included	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	$480	$240	n/a	n/a	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl.	4
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3
2	1	1502 10th Street	$530	$265	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, includes WSG	A
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	208 13th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, large rooms, parking	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
3	1	1503 7th Street	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, parking	D
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	814 1/2 10th Street	$610	$203	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, very nice	D
3	1	1312 6th Street	$620	$207	n/a	n/a	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	2	421 13th Ave W	$775	$259	n/a	n/a	Nice house, large rooms, parking & lawn care included	H
4	1	915 Main Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4	1	1115 14th Avenue	$600	$150	$780	$195	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H

5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	1115 17th Avenue	$800	$160	$1,000	$200	Great house, complete remodel, large rooms, washer/dryer	H
5	1	1320 6th Street	$825	$165	$1,025	$205	Large house, W/D, breezeway, garage, close to campus	H
5	2	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
5	2	1403 6th Street	$900	$180	$1,180	$236	Huge rooms, front porch, lots of parking, close to campus	H
5	2	814 10th Street	$910	$182	$1,110	$222	Desirable house, washer/dryer, many upgrades, parking	D
5	2	2303 3rd Street	$920	$184	$1,120	$224	Large house, washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	$1,000	$200	$1,250	$250	Big house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 HUGE bedrooms	D
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	208 13th Avenue West	$1050	$210	n/a	n/a	Good-sized bedrooms, W/D, front porch, close to campus	H
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	$1,050	$210	$1,250	$250	Nice-sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
5	2	414 12th Ave W	$1,050	$210	$1,390	$278	Cute house, big rooms, porch, garage, lawn care included	H
5	2.5	1502 7th Street	$1,100	$220	$1,300	$260	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
5	2	203 13th Avenue West	$1,150	$230	$1,370	$274	Big house, 2 kitchens, washer/dryer, excellent location	H
5	2	1208 9th Street	$1,200	$240	$1,450	$290	Beautiful house, recently remodeled, W/D, dishwasher	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #B	$1,200	$240	$1,450	$290	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	$1,200	$240	$1,450	$290	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
5	2	321 14th Avenue West	$1,250	$250	$1,475	$295	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
5	2	1008 6th Street	$1,275	$255	$1,535	$307	Fabulous house, large rooms, W/D, garage, close to campus	H
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	$1,325	$265	$1,525	$305	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	$1,325	$265	$1,525	$305	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6	2	1402 8th Street	$720	$120	$920	$153	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
6	2	504 10th Street	$900	$150	$1,180	$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,000	$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, washer/dryer, fireplace, AVAILABLE 7/1/09	H
6	2	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,100	$183	$1,350	$225	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	1602 8th Street	$1,100	$183	$1,350	$225	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street	$1,200	$200	$1,480	$247	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	D
6	2	220 12th Ave West	$1,200	$200	$1,640	$273	Large duplex, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
6	2	1714 8th Street	$1,230	$205	$1,480	$247	Spacious house, new paint, big deck, garage, pool table	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	$1,280	$213	$1,560	$260	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	513 9th Avenue East	$1,280	$213	$1,560	$260	Nice, big house, W/D, desirable location near Home Ec. Bldg	H
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
6	2	921 8th Street	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Great house, large rooms, W/D, new kitchen floor, corner lot	H
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
6	2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	$1,350	$225	$1,600	$267	Nice, newer apt, great location, washer/dryer & garage	D
6	2.5	802 12th Avenue	$1,400	$233	$1,700	$284	Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec. room, garage & more	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$1,225	$175	$1,485	$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1803 7th Street	$1,325	$189	$1,745	$249	Big house, 2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage	H
7	2	820 11th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,900	$271	Awesome house! Newly remodeled, huge, W/D, basement	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
8	3	814 10th Street	$1,420	$178	$1,780	$223	Great house, recently remodeled, large rooms, washer/dryer	D
8	2.5	121 12th Avenue West	$1,600	$200	$1,900	$238	Large bedrooms, 2 washers/dryers, VERY close to campus	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	$1,840	$230	$2,140	$268	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H
10	3	1609 6th Street	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, parking	H
12	4	115 17th Ave West	$2,530	$211	$3,060	$255	Large house, big rooms, 2 W/D's, porch, garage, parking	H

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BR	BA	Address	E/U	P/P	E/U	P/P	Description	TYPE
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	$180	$180	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #3	$195	$195	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #4	$195	$195	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	$200	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	$200	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	620 9th Avenue	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Nice-sized efficiency, close to campus, includes utilities	3
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	$255	$255	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	$285	$285	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	702 4th Street	$300	$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	$300	$300	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	EA
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	EA
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	EA
1	1	115 1/2 West Main Street	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apartment, parking, storage, lawn care included	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	$385	$385	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1221 7th Street	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Very large, nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4
1	1	1520 7th Street	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
4	1	1606 10th Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	New siding, W/D hook-ups, new flooring, off-street parking	H
4	1	1809 6th Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	New flooring throughout, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
4	1	1120 15th Avenue	$620	$155	$790	$198	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$800	$200	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$720	$180	$900	$225	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	2	516 19th Avenue W	$750	$188	$925	$231	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	$800	$200	$975	$244	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	1	1216 6th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Good-sized rooms, porch, across from campus	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1600 10th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
4	1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	$800	$200	$975	$244	Large apt, good-sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1	1509 South Broadway	$850	$213	$1,050	$263	Large house, nice inside, big rooms, great location, parking	H
4	2	1620 6th Street	$850	$213	$1,030	$258	Great house, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H
4	2	1515 6th Street	$900	$225	$1,100	$275	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
4	1	2235 South Broadway	$920	$230	$1,120	$280	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
4	2	1702 6th Street	$920	$230	$1,150	$288	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H
4	1	1114 7th Street	$950	$238	$1,130	$283	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H
4	2	602 12th Avenue East	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Large bedrooms, new kitchen floor, W/D, close to campus	D
4	2	1301 9th Street	$1,000	$250	$1,250	$313	Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck	H
4	1.5	1615 7th St	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	H
4	2	400 18th Avenue	$1,040	$260	$1,240	$310	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
4	2	1317 8th Street	$1,040	$260	$1,240	$310	Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location	H
4	2	332 1/2 Main Street	$1,080	$270	$1,330	$333	Huge! Fantastic apt, washer/dryer, deck, car port/parking	H
4	2	1021 8th Street	$1,100	$275	$1,330	$333	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck	H
4	3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	$1,000	$275	$1250	$313	Great apt, huge rooms, W/D in building, includes WSG	A
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	$660	$132	$860	$172	Very large rooms, washer/dryer, nice yard, parking	D
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	$700	$140	$900	$180	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, parking	H

A hangover-free homecoming

Ileah Midthun
Staff Writer

Everyone knows what goes on during Homecoming; most of it doesn't include a lot of sober activity. There's always the football game that people go to-drunk-and there are the parties that people go to-drunk. It seems like Homecoming is just an excuse to get completely hammered for a solid 24-hour period. But what happens if drinking isn't high on the Homecoming list? Here is a list of things to do during Homecoming *gasp* completely sober.

First things first. The football game, the main reason why there is a Homecoming to begin with. Now I know some people don't think that watching football is an idea of a good time but Homecoming games are always an exception. There are usually a lot more people who attend so there are more things to keep you occupied if the game is "not your cup of tea." This is also usually the game that people go a little crazy with their attire. Join them! Dress head to toe in our school's colors or dress up as huge Blue Devils with a bunch of friends. Whatever it is, have a good time with it. The game this year starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Before the game, there is the annual Homecoming parade. This parade consists of different bands and floats from around the area including our school's marching band. This year also the marching band will be joined by Alumni who were in the band when they were in school. The parade starts at the Dunn County Recreation Park where it follows Main Street to Ninth Street, then south on Ninth to Wilson Avenue. Then the parade heads down Third Street and ends at the Johnson Fieldhouse. The parade starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18.

On Friday night there is the coronation to crown our Homecoming's king and queen. After coronation BDP is hosting magician and comedian Derek Hughs. Hughs has appeared on many different shows including MTV's "Room 401" and VH1's "Celebracadabra." This is surely a show you won't want to miss.

On Thursday there is also the annual Couch-a-thon taking place in the MSC South Lawn at noon. Go and see different organizations compete to see how long they can stay on a couch—no matter what happens. This event ends at noon on Friday.

This year's theme is creative and superhuman. Superhero is the name of the game. On Thursday night there is going to be an event titled Super Hero Stunts. This starts at 7 pm at the MSC South Lawn. There's not much information about this event so if you're curious arises just go check it out!

Another game that might be of interest is the men's rugby game right after the football game on Saturday. This game will be against the University of Northern Iowa and is sponsored by Jack Links. The game will take place on the field to the west of the football field and to the south of the softball field. Remember: no guts, no glory.

Don't forget to order a Homecoming shirt! They come in pink, black and royal blue. They are $6 and they are available at the student services desk. There are also pint and shot glasses available to buy between Oct. 13-17 from 11 a.m.-1p.m. at the Commmons and the MSC next to the Terrace. Pint glasses are $5 and shot glasses are $3 and come in a variety of designs. These are brought to you by Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (TAGA).

So next time someone talks about Homecoming don't think that all it is a huge drunk fest, there is much more to it than that. People just add drinking; it because it appeals more to them and others. But if there's not drinking involved. Just remember there's no need to worry about getting an underage.

STOUTONIA's Pumpkin Impalement

When: October 16th 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: East Lawn of the Commons

The winner will receive a $20 gift certificate to Ted's Pizza

Special thanks to:

- Parker's Family Restaurant and Bar and Ted's Pizza for the prize contributions
- Skip Hoyt of the Menomonie farmer's market and Kelly and Chad Erickson for the donation of pumpkins, squash and gourds.
- Nick Nicholson of Electronics Etc. for providing the sound equipment. Look for Electronics Etc. to be open November 1st across from Taco Bell in the Hollywood Tan strip mall.

Heiruspecs at the Waterfront

Mallory Morris
Staff Writer



Picture from: www.thimmesch.com

Though I am not a regular at the Waterfront, as soon as I walk in, I feel welcomed and comfortable. The friendly bartenders immediately ask what I'd like to drink and then score an A+ on my confusing favorite drink. The diverse crowd includes the old and the young and all are hip, down to earth and fit perfectly in the cozy, intimate atmosphere.

It turns out the scheduled opening DJ LcSlak is double booked and won't make it so with two minutes warning, Project F.O.M, a quick witted, dynamic, freestyle group that performs all around the Wisconsin and Minnesota area is ready to go, and is happy to be doing their part to bring hip hop to the Midwest The crowd may initially be intimidated by one six foot nine inch member, until he tells us, "it's okay to participate!" He goes on with "all the ugly people be quiet" and you might be able to hear the yelling and clapping all the way down the block.

When they're finished pumping up the crowd for the headlining hip hop group, Heiruspecs, I get the chance to talk to each of the members. All three are students in Eau Claire: 6'9" majors in computer science, Blinded majors in barber cosmetology and their manager is in computer programming. 6'9" also finds time to be a part of another hip hop group called We One, a group based in Eau Claire that has been together for seven years.

Project F.O.M's performance is pure entertainment and even though they were called in at the last minute as a backup, they make the perfect warm up for Heiruspecs, a seemingly nerdy, but diverse group of guys who exhibit raw talent and an upbeat rhythm. They are made up of Felix, Muad'dib, Twinkie Jiggles, DVRG, Peter Leggett and Josh Peterson. They start so strong that when they blow a breaker, twice, the lead vocalist says that "apparently [his] band is too powerful." I don't claim to know much about hip hop but the lyrics are catchy and the beat even made dancing possible for this suburban white girl. About halfway through the evening, I swear I hear the sound of a trumpet, but the guy next to me points out that it's actually the second vocalist beat boxing! The main vocalist calls me out for writing down my thoughts: "if you're taking notes, tell them we were good." I'd say they were better than good and would even say this was one of the more entertaining concerts I've been to in a long time. Some of the other fans I had the chance to talk to said that it was a "motivating free for all" and that "good bands deserve to be known." If you missed this show, check them out online or watch for their next visit to the area because Heiruspecs definitely deserves to be known.

The Waterfront features various musical talent including reggae, bluegrass, funk, progressive, hip hop and jam band. Don't miss the next big party at the Waterfront on Saturday October 25 which will be a birthday celebration for Waterfront owner Jason Davis. It starts with a nocturnal parade featuring costumers, glow sticks, hula-hoops, acrobats, skateboards, music and more. The party goes from 8 pm to 2 am and features Kinetix and special guests The Funky Honky Horns. Wear a costume and get in for free or pay $10 at the door. See you there!

Our Apologies

Last week's issue incorrectly identified the clothing designs and models featured in "Eau Claire's 'project runway.'"

The models are as follows:
In the casual sportswear collection featuring four models, designed by Lindsay Carrier, from left to right: Emma Holtomb, Victoria Baller, Brittany Waltz and Leslie Barlow.

In the casual sportswear collection featuring three models, designed by Jessica Idso, from left to right: Jamie Bystrom, Jessica Idso, and Sarah Vauk

In the evening gown collection, designed by Rose Deutchman, from left to right: Gina Hayden, Jennifer Burish and Rose Deutchman.

The Stoutonia deeply apologizes for this error.

Movies in the nude

Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

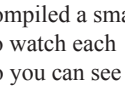
Whether Halloween movies or simply scary movies (or both), the huge selection of movies for fall makes a movie weekend a perfect idea. Why get dressed and go to the theaters when you can watch autumnal classics while completely naked (or maybe just somewhat naked). I've compiled a small number of movies that I try to watch each October, along with a scale so you can see just what I think of them.

Halloween (Donald Pleasence, Jamie Lee Curtis, Nancy Kyes)

This 1978 thriller takes us into Haddonfield, Ill., where Michael Myers (Tony Moran), a psychotic killer who has been institutionalized since childhood, is on the loose and looking to kill. He picks Laurie (Jamie Lee Curtis) as his target for no apparent reason (apart from Jamie Lee Curtis being a hot actress in the 1970s). The only one who knows exactly how sick and twisted Myers is, his psychiatrist Dr. Sam Loomis (Donald Pleasence), cannot find Myers but knows that he is dangerous and in Haddonfield, where he murdered his older sister right when she was about to get it on with her boyfriend. Scary movies make it obvious that people who have sex WILL be murdered by psychotic killers. How's that for birth control?

As is typical in scary movies, no one will take Dr. Loomis seriously. Therefore, he is the only one who can save Laurie. Laurie has to babysit when all of her friends are having fun (and eventually being murdered by Myers), but she is still pursued by a crazy killer, which really makes the best way to avoid being murdered or targeted in a scary movie unclear.

This film is a must-watch every Halloween for me. It may be a little corny at times, but the suspense is killer (pun definitely intended). The music is creepy and Myers' heavy breathing adds to the intensity of it all. It is easy to get very involved in the plot.

Rating: 

The Nightmare Before Christmas (Danny Elfman, Chris Sarandon, Catherine O'Hara)

This film is automatically in my top five due to the pure fact that Tim Burton wrote the story. Burton, the director of many favorites, tells the story of Jack Skellington (voiced by Chris Sarandon; singing voice by Danny Elfman), the pumpkin king of Halloweentown, who is bored of the same thing year after year. While walking in the forest with his dog, Zero, he stumbles upon a circle of trees which lead to different holidays. He gets sucked into Christmastown and decides that he would like to be in charge of Christmas instead. He gets all of Halloweentown's residents to prepare for Christmas…in all the wrong ways. Sally (Catherine O'Hara), the sewn-up creation of a local scientist, is the only one who has the sense to stop Jack from ruining Christmas, if he would only listen to her. Sally cares about Jack and does not want to see him hurt, and the love story is something truly Burton.

The film is filled with lots of catchy songs and lyrics that you might find yourself humming even in the spring, such as "Since I am dead, I can take off my head to recite Shakespearean quotations." And hey, if you love the songs but don't have time to watch the movie whenever you want to sing them, you can always get the soundtrack! The film is humorous in a weird way, and as Halloween movies go, this one is not very scary. When this movie first came out in 1993, I was frightened by the Christmas gifts that chase and taunt the children during the Christmas scene, but I have since matured 15 years and am no longer scared. This film is perfect for children and adults without having to worry about nightmares that come along with thrillers such as "Halloween." The wicked animation will keep your mind from getting bored and might even get your creative juices flowing. "The Nightmare Before Christmas" is definitely a cult-classic Halloween films.

Rating: 

Find more Halloween or scary movie reviews in the next issue of the Stoutonia, out Oct. 30.

Scale:

 As fun as having pumpkin guts thrown at your face

 About as interesting as your grandma's four-week-old pumpkin pie

 Like carving pumpkins with a butter knife

 As good as listening to The Smashing Pumpkins on a long October drive

 Like throwing a rotted pumpkin on the car of the person you hate most

It's just a Stones Throw away

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

With the nights growing colder, days growing shorter, and gas prices finally dropping, the time has never been better to take a trip to the Stones Throw in Eau Claire. Home to a number of bands and weeknight happenings, this pub and music venue offers a variety of events not to be missed. Featured below are just a few of the upcoming events.

Monday nights are Music Industry Night Calling all musicians! You gig hard all weekend, let Monday night be your night to party. Food and drink specials all night. No cover.

Nightmare B4 Halloween DJ Showcase W/DJ JINKO, DJ KANTEL, DJ SMILES
Friday, October 17
9 pm
$3 in costume, $5 if not in costume

Stones Throw hosts the Nightmare B4 Halloween party, an event for people who just can't wait to get into their costumes before Halloween. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for best scary costumes. Live music spun by DJs 9pm until close. Special guest DJ Fusion. Sponsored by Feed My Addiction Tattoo & Body Piercing and 96.3FM WHYS Radio.

AFROMAN
Friday, October 24
Doors open at 8 pm; showtime 9 pm
$15 in advance; $18 day of show

Afroman's music has made the Top Ten in over a dozen countries, with an album certified gold in the US.

The Moon Goons
Saturday, October 25
10pm
$3

The Moon Goons are a group of party rockers that have recently crash landed in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Check out the Moon Goons at www.moongoons.com.

Tickets now available for purchase online at www.thestonesthrow.com.

Contact the Stones Throw:
304 Eau Claire Street
www.thestonesthrow.com
715-552-5882

The Wire Tap

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Music at the Waterfront

Thursday, Oct. 16, '08:

The Historic
10 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, '08

Bump

Thursday, Oct. 23, '08

Baghdad SCUBA Review

Saturday, Oct. 25, '08

Kinetix
9 p.m.

Music at Stout Ale House

Saturday, Oct. 25, '08

Borderline

Upcoming Album Releases

Monday, Oct. 20, '08

AC/DC
Black Ice

Tuesday, Oct. 21, '08

Kenny Chesney
Lucky Old Sun

Electric Six
Flashy

Ludacris
Theater of the Mind

Super XX Man
Volume XII: There'll Be Diamonds

Various Artists
All Aboard: A Tribute To Johnny Cash

Tuesday, Oct. 28, '08

Breaking Benjamin
[Title TBA]

The Cure
Dream 4.13

Snow Patrol
A Hundred Million Suns

Homecoming soap box derby: A Stout sensation







Michael Grevas/Stoutonia

Stout students gathered on Tuesday, Oct. 14 for the annual soap box derby. Derby contestants included members of campus organizations and other determined drivers. Each team's creative display made a mad dash for the finish line, but it was the Stout Auto Club that walked away with the win.





State Cinema 4 has what you are looking for

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

The life of a college student is dominated by two constant questions: what is there to do, and when am I going to eat? Too often, the monotony of the everyday routine creeps in and devours the ability to see what's already there. Take for instance, the city of Menomonie. At first glance, it seems to lack more opportunity for excitement than bars and trails. What ever happened to movie and pizza nights? While some would cite cost as the main reason fueling the disappearance of these events, it's a comfort to know that there is a way dinner and a movie can be enjoyed at an incredible price with little transportation. State Cinema 4 is a theater nearly all of us walk, drive or bike by on a daily basis. Located on South Broadway St., it has the convenience of being positioned virtually in the campus's backyard.

This theater offers four large screens to show movies. It can be difficult to catch a flick when it is first released to the public, which is another reason State Cinema 4 is so great. The great new movies released to the public are played here just a few weeks later, meaning busy schedules and hectic lives no longer stand in the way of being able to enjoy new movies. This cinema is also set apart from other movie theaters in the fact that it offers a full menu with full service. From burgers and pizza to spaghetti and meatballs, each item is made fresh in the cinema when it's ordered and is delivered so that it can be enjoyed during the movie.

On top of this incredible addition to the movie-going experience, the prices here are hard to beat. An adult ticket is $5.50 while a child's ticket is $3.50 for all non-matinee movies. The numerous other weekly specials offered here are just the beginning of the great experience that awaits you. From group deals to meal deals, the student bargains here will not only give you the experience of movie and dinner for less than the ticket cost of other locations, but it also offers incredible customer service, which is what this business prides itself on.

Another experience this business prides itself on is opening its doors to independent filmmakers. For those looking to make their entry into the world of independent film and non-traditional features, State Cinema 4 offers showing opportunities to the public.

It doesn't matter if it's a Tuesday night or Saturday afternoon—State Cinema 4 offers great movies, delicious food and incredible service for all those in need of something to break the drone of daily life.

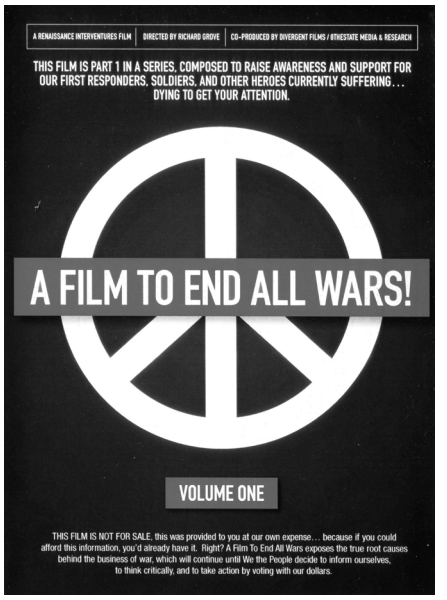
For any questions, movie times or more information call: 715-235-5733.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

A film to end all wars

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor



Contributed by Jeff Schwartz

As a generation evolving in a time of change, questions and heightened awareness, it becomes a rather important matter that an understanding of worldly events is formed by one's own investigation and understandings. In honor of this notion, State Cinema 4 offers the opportunity for independent films to be shown. Within the coming months, an independent film called "A Film to End All Wars" will be shown to all interested film-goers.

From the film's literature: "A Film to End All Wars" is a composition presented for free to people who seek clarity and context to compliment their intake of news programs. Inspired by the censorship, suppression and selective perspectives offered on corporate-run TV.

It was created to fill in the gaps left by corporate media, providing you with the information you need to see how things connect and through comparison and contrast the audience learns how to think critically, leading to eventual understanding.

"A Film to End All Wars" was inspired by the need to make the general public aware of the plight of our heroes – veterans, AWOL soldiers, 9/11 first responders as well as other groups who are disenfranchised by corporate media…We think that these heroes deserve to be heard, and thus we have created a forum so that you can begin to hear their message and rekindle hope in the minds of our heroes.

This film is not for sale and was not composed as a product for the purposes of profit; rather, it is a creative endeavor to spark communication while simultaneously raising interest and awareness for the plight of our veterans, AWOL soldiers and dying 9/11 first responders.

To learn more about why now is the time that our heroes need our help and attention the most, visit www.8thestate.com Other thought-provoking information can be viewed at:

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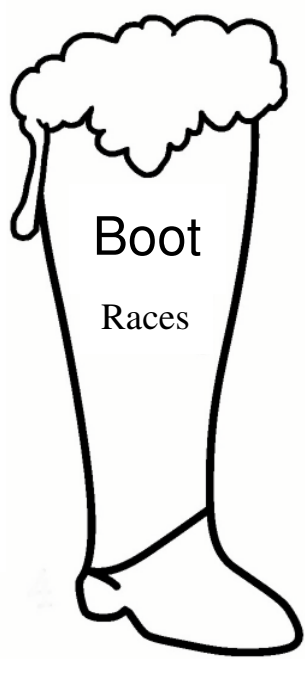
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Women's tennis prepares for conference tournament



Photograph by Bruce DeMorrow

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's tennis team recently lost a conference match Oct. 7 against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

In the meet against the Blugolds there were only two Blue Devil victories. Sophomore Allie Hinman and freshman Amanda O'Keefe won as a doubles team 8-2. Hinman was also the only singles winner. She defeated UW-Eau Claire's number one singles player Gina Dahl 6-3.

The Blue Devils met the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Oct. 4 and pulled off a win after winning five matches. This was the first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win for UW-Stout. Winners of the night were Hinman and O'Keefe as the number one doubles team with a score of 8-3. Number two doubles team senior Jodie Czech and junior Kiersten Thomsen also won with a score of 8-5. Number three doubles team junior Lindsay Luberda and freshman Emily Jubert won 8-6. The Blue Devils pulled off the win after winning the last two singles matches of the night. Jubert defeated UW-Stevens Point's Kaitlyn King 2-6, 6-4 and 7-5. Sophomore Sarah Smith, a UW-Stevens Point native, pulled out the win for the Blue Devils in her hometown, winning her matches 6-4 and 6-2.

UW-Stout picked up its first win of the season on Sept. 27 with an 8-1 victory over Bethel University. UW-Stout won all but one of its singles matches. Hinman recorded a win with scores of 6-1 and 6-3. O'Keefe won with scores of 1-6, 6-4 and 10-4. Thomsen added in a victory with scores of 7-5 and 6-4. Luberda won with scores of 6-0, 0-6 and 10-3. Jubert put her opponent away with scores of 6-0 and 6-1. The combination of Hinman and O'Keefe won 8-1. Czech and Thomsen were victorious with a score of 8-4. Luberda and Jubert won 8-5.

The Blue Devils weren't able to pull off a victory against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons on Sept. 26, dropping the match 5-4. Hinman won as the number one singles play 6-1 and 6-2. O'Keefe also pulled out a victory 7-5 and 6-4. In doubles competition, Hinman and O'Keefe won their set 8-4 and Thomsen and Czech won their set with the same score.

Due to her performance at the matches against Bethel University and UW-River Falls, Hinman was named at the WIAC athlete of the week. Hinman was 5-1 at the time of receiving the award. She had missed the first weekend of competition due to an injury.

UW-Stout traveled to Minnesota Sept. 20 to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Regional. Hinman was knocked out in the third round of the singles tournament. Smith and Jubert were eliminated as a doubles pair at the Gustavus Adolphus Fall Invitational. Jubert lost in the first round of consolation draw 8-3. Czech won her first match but was then knocked out by losing 6-3 and 6-2. Thomsen was knocked out in the first round of consolation draw as well losing 6-0 and 6-1. Czech and Thomsen were paired in the doubles bracket and fell in the semi-finals after winning their first two matches.

The Blue Devils dropped their conference opener to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Sept. 12, losing 5-4. UW-Stout was swept in the doubles competition and couldn't quite pull out the victory in the singles. Hinman won with scores of 6-1 and 6-3. Czech was 6-1, 1-6 and 6-1. O'Keefe was victorious with sets of 6-2 and 7-6. Jubert defeated UW-Oshkosh's Ali Broenman 6-2 and 6-3.

UW-Stout couldn't pull out a win against Beloit College on Sept. 7 losing 5-4. Freshman Trista Arendt won in the number six singles spot, 4-6, 7-6 and 6-1. In the number three singles spot; Luberda won 4-6, 6-2 and 6-1. Jubert won 6-1 and 6-0. Luberda and Jubert combined in the doubles competition to pull off the only doubles victory 8-1.

In the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Invitational Sept. 6, UW-Stout placed seventh of eight teams. UW-Stout wasn't able to pull off a win in the singles category having defaulted at the number three spot. In the doubles competition, Smith and O'Keefe defeated the University of Wisconsin-La-Crosse's Bohrmon and Schoenwalder 0-6, 6-4 and 11-9. They could not pull out a victory after that losing their next two matches. Luberda and Jubert won their first match 6-0 and 6-0 but also could not pull off another victory. Sophomore Kallie Anderson and freshman Stephanie Schick won their first match 6-0 and 6-0 but lost in their second match.

The Blue Devils dropped their season opener on Sept. 5 to Edgewood College 5-4. In the singles competition Smith won in the number two spot 6-4 and 6-3. In the five spot, Jubert won 6-2 and 6-1. In the six spot, Schick won 6-2 and 6-4. In the doubles competition, Smith and Anderson won 9-8.

UW-Stout will travel to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Oct. 16. They will host UW-Whitewater on Oct. 18 and the WIAC tournament will be held Oct. 25 and 26.



Craig Warminski

This five-foot ten-inch 200 pound freshman running back from Stanley, Wis. is a packaging major. Before coming to the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Warminski played at Minnesota State-Mankato.

On Oct. 4, Warminski had a great game when he faced off against UW-Platteville. Although he didn't get into the end zone until the fourth quarter, Warminski managed to put up big numbers rushing and kick returning throughout the game. Warminski had two kick returns, one of which he returned to the Pioneers' 18 yard line for 71 yards. Although this electric play didn't inevitably get UW-Stout into the end zone, the Blue Devils managed to put up three points.

Warminski ended the day leading both teams with 196 all purpose yards. 107 of his 196 total yards came from the rushing attack. Warminkski also managed to get into the end zone late in the second half on an 11-yard run. UW-Stout won the game 46-31. The Blue Devils football team plays their 2008 homecoming game against UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.



Women's golf places fourth in WIAC

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team finished fourth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship Oct. 3-5.

This was the team's best finish ever. After the first day of the tournament, the team was in fourth place. The team had three golfers in the top 20. Freshman Corbin Carlson was in 13th place with an 86, sophomore Morgan Loney was one stroke back with an 87 and senior Molly Loney was in 20th with an 89. Junior Kelsey Treptow was in 29th with a 94 and freshman Alyssa Reimenschneider was in 37th with 99 strokes.

After the second day of competition, UW-Stout was in a steady fourth. Molly Loney jumped 10 spots to finish the second day in 10th place. Morgan Loney stayed in 16th and kept her first day total of an 88. Treptow shaved off four strokes for a second-day total of 94. Carlson fell from 13th to a tie for 30th with 101 strokes. Riemenschneider was in 38th with a 98 on the second day.

On the final day of the championship, Molly Loney finished in 10th place with a three day total of 855. Morgan Loney finished 24th with a three-day total of 225 and Carlson finished with a 40 in her third round of play to finish with a three-day total of 227. Carlson's third day performance tied with three other players for the third best score of the day. Treptow tied for 29th with a three-day total of 234. Reimenschneider tied for 37th with a total of 242.

UW-Stout finished in front of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the University of Wisconsin-Superior, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The team will be losing Morgan Loney to graduation after this season.

Rollercoaster ride for the football team

Joel Ducan
Staff Writer

As the season continues to wear on for the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team, the conference schedule is now in full swing. Since narrowly losing to Division II Missouri S&T, the Blue Devils found themselves squaring off against conference opponents for the first time in 2008. The results were mixed, splitting their first two conference games against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 1-1.

In the conference opener against UW-Platteville, the offense erupted for a scoring explosion that recorded the highest point total in Coach Duey Naatz's career as a head coach. The final score was 46-31 but both teams played hard until the start of the third quarter. From there, UW-Stout was able to put away the game with some timely defense and consistent scoring as UW-Stout defeated UW-Platteville on its 80th Homecoming game. Not only were the Pioneers defeated on their Homecoming but the combined point total of 77 was the most in school history on their Homecoming day.

The Blue Devils began the game with the ball after UW-Platteville deferred to the second half. They were able to move the ball smoothly into Pioneer territory but their drive stalled and they were forced to punt. The Pioneers then proceeded to ride the legs of Mike Genslinger down the field as he capped off their opening drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge. After trading a series of punts, the UW-Stout defense and special teams were able to work together and provide the Blue Devils with their first points of the afternoon. A sack set up a punt deep in Blue Devil territory, and the Pioneers snapped a wild ball.

The punter pounced on the ball in the end zone for the safety. If any UW-Stout defender landed on the ball it would have been six points instead of two; the Pioneers lucked out then, but their string of bad special teams luck was only beginning.

While the offense was struggling to get anything going, the defense was playing at a championship caliber level. They committed some timely stops to force another punt that would end in doom for UW-Platteville. Not even 10 seconds into the second quarter, UW-Platteville's attempt to punt the ball was blocked by Nick Bocik and as the ball landed on the 24-yard line, back-up running back Carlos Concepcion scooped it up and scored.

This gave UW-Stout its second blocked punt return for a touchdown of the season and its first lead of the day. As each team traded field goals in the second quarter, UW-Stout retained a 12-10 lead that would not be relinquished for the duration of the contest. Its offense finally got clicking when it got explosive runs of 27 and 34 yards by Trevor Fiege and Craig Warminski, respectively. They put the ball in the end zone as Kyle Provos threw to Patrick Menglekoch for four yards and a 19-10 lead.

The Pioneers then took the following kickoff and produced a good return to give their offense a short field. Its offense capitalized on that short field with a four-yard touchdown run with just under a minute remaining in the half. The score was now 19-17 and UW-Stout had one more opportunity to add to its lead but a Kyle Martin 40-yard field goal was wide left and the teams headed into the locker room with the halftime score UW-Stout 19, UW-Platteville 17.

Since they kicked off the ball to start the game, the Pioneers received the second half kickoff looking to take the lead. This long-lived dream of offensive production quickly turned into a nightmare as Kendall Wade picked off Pioneer quarterback Mitch Shadley on just the third play of their drive and brought the ball back to the UW-Platteville 27-yard line.

The offense sputtered just a bit as they tried to convert this turnover into a touchdown, so they had to settle for a Kyle Martin field goal and a 22-17 lead. On the next possession, the defense forced a three and out and the offense put the ball in the end zone this time around as Provos hit Eric Cieslak deep for a 49-yard catch-and-run touchdown.

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Once again, the defense provided the offense with more opportunities to score when Kyle Seiler ended a Pioneer drive by victimizing Shadley of his second interception of the day. The drive ended for UW-Stout with another Kyle Martin field goal, his third of the day. When the Pioneers got the ball back, the defense resorted to its bend-but-not-break style and forced a punt to give the ball back to the Blue Devils again. This time it put a touchdown on the board following the nifty running of Carlos Concepcion as he scored on a three-yard dive to start the fourth quarter. It was Concepcion's second touchdown of the day. That scoring drive gave UW-Stout a commanding 39-17 lead at the start of the fourth quarter.

The two teams then traded touchdown drives and UW-Stout held a 46-24 advantage. The Pioneers were able to march down the field toward the end of the game and score another touchdown to bring them within 15 points but it wasn't enough as the defense ended the Pioneers last scoring opportunity with yet another interception.

The victory gives the Blue Devils an overall record of 3-1 with a conference record of 1-0. They will continue their conference play in the next game against UW-Oshkosh.

If the previous game against UW-Platteville was an example of what happens when offense, defense and special teams play to their potential, this home game against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans would be the primary example of what happens when neither offense, defense or special teams don't play on the same page. In suffering their first conference loss of the season, 9-7 to UW-Oshkosh, the Blue Devils struggled to consistently move the ball down the field to give their team a chance to put points on the board. Coupled with turnovers, stalled drives and missed field goals, the Blue Devils suffered one of their more ugly losses in recent years.

The only scoring in the first half was by the Titans after they put together a 68-yard scoring drive in the second quarter that ended with a 28-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead they would hold until early in the fourth quarter.

In between the Titans' field goal and the scoring drive UW-Stout put together in the fourth, both teams traded punts and each team's offense looked lethargic. It was also a rough day for kicker Kyle Martin, who missed both of his attempts, although they were more difficult than most field goals as they were both from 42 yards or longer.

After a series of turnovers and punts, the Blue Devil offense got back onto the field and started the game in Titans territory on their 31 yard line. It almost looked as though they were going to let another scoring opportunity get away from them as Provos was left scrambling around in the pocket on a third and goal. His ability to extend the play with his legs allowed him to find Antawan Walker in the back of the end zone for Walker's first touchdown reception of the season. It also gave UW-Stout its first lead of the day, 7-3.

UW-Oshkosh responded on its next drive with a touchdown of its own. Quarterback Craig McClelland put together a drive that put the Titans in the end zone for the first time all afternoon, taking a QB sneak up the gut for a one-yard touchdown. The Blue Devils were kept in the game as the extra point by Titan kicker James Taraboi was never converted and UW-Oshkosh held only a 9-7 advantage.

With just under nine minutes left on the game clock, the Blue Devils had ample time to produce a game-winning drive, but came up short in each of their three attempts. None of these drives were more disappointing than perhaps the final drive as Provos heaved a long pass down the sideline with 41 seconds left, only to watch it fall into the hands of an UW-Oshkosh defender for the game-clinching interception.

The Blue Devils will continue their conference play this weekend at Don & Nona Williams Stadium for the annual Homecoming game against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The Pointers have a 4-1 overall record with a 1-1 record in the conference.



Photograph by: Bruce DeMorrow

The UW-Stout Blue Devils football team came up just short against UW-Oshkosh, losing the game 9-7.

Blue Devils soccer team accomplishes fourth shutout victory of the season



Photograph by: Layne Pitt
UW-Stout freshman Courtney Tideman advances the ball against UW-Superior on Oct. 11. The Blue Devils won the game 5-0.

Joel Duncan
Staff writer

Heading into the month of October, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team was on a four-game unbeaten streak that included three wins and one tie.

With a game against Gustavus Adolphus College to begin the month, the Blue Devils expected to extend this streak against a quality non-conference opponent. While a victory is what they were pushing for, the Gusties had other ideas in mind as they shut out UW-Stout 2-0 in St. Peter.

It was tough sledding for the UW-Stout offensive attack which only managed three shots on goal for the afternoon. Freshman Taylor Randle was in goal for the Blue Devils and managed to stop 11 of the 13 shots taken against her.

Following the trip to St. Peter, a nice home game in front of a warm home crowd seemed to be the cure to wipe clean the memories of a painful road loss.

Taylor Randle was again in the net for her team and she performed with perfection as she stopped all eight shots taken against her.

The only problem was that the same could be said about the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse goalie Amanda Clark. UW-La Crosse and UW-Stout ultimately ended the game in a scoreless tie, leaving the Blue Devils frustrated about their offensive woes.

Traveling to St. Paul to take on the women of St. Catherine's was the next destination for a squad looking to simply put the ball in the net.

The goaltending had been very good in the past two games, so a solid offensive performance was what they needed to put together a win. During the course of the game, the Blue Devils played an aggressive game of offense but only came away with one goal to show for it as Jessica Price scored unassisted in minute 16.

The goal was Price's team-leading fifth of the season and twelfth point overall. In the net, Randle and senior Jessica Halverson shared time, with Halverson starting and Randle finishing off the game. Halverson was saddled with the loss as she allowed both goals.

After going 0-2-1 in the last three games, the Blue Devils were convinced that they could meet expectations regarding their offensive output in those previous three contests.

Rather than meet these expectations, the team decided to smash them, combining a brilliant all-around team effort to shut down the University of Wisconsin-Superior with a final score of 5-0. The shutout was its fifth of the season.

Getting things going for the Blue Devils was Price, who scored her sixth goal of the season off of a pass from Grace Salwasser in minute 18. After a 1-0 lead it was time for the seniors to take over.

Putting the Blue Devils up 2-0 was Cassey Haase who scored career goal number one with a swift kick. Seniors Kelsey Keimeg and Laura Howard each contributed a goal apiece to bring the halftime score to 4-0.

The second half wasn't as exciting as the first but freshman Cathy Spriggs was able to score her first career goal when she took a pass from Katie Ness to make the game 5-0 with just over four minutes left.

UW-Stout returned to action Oct. 15 when they traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. UW-Stout will be at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Saturday, Oct. 18 and return home Sunday, Oct. 19 to host the College of St. Benedict at 3 p.m.

Volleyball goes 1-1 in latest two matches

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's volleyball team went 1-1 in its latest two matches on Oct. 4 and 8 against the University of Wisconsin-Superior and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The Blue Devils fell to the University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets 3-0. The Yellowjackets never gave up the lead in the first two games and won with identical 25-19 scores. In the third set, the Blue Devils finally took the lead but the Yellowjackets came back to win 25-21. Sophomore Steph Nichols was the only player to record double-digit kills with 10. The game sponsored "Dig for the Cure" which was a conference-wide effort to raise awareness for breast cancer research.

UW-Stout defeated the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 3-1 on Oct. 4. Junior Jenna Swanson had a match high of 14 kills and senior Maggie Meixl had 11 kills with a batting average of .429. This was UW-Stout's first conference win of the season with scores of 25-16, 25-22, 19-25 and 25-16. Sophomore Kim Labat had 33 assists and five service aces.

The Blue Devils were off until Oct. 15 when they traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Oct. 17 and will host the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse, on Oct. 18.

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Blue Devil Volleyball

Volleyball
Record: 4-19
The Blue Devils volleyball team has been in a slump recently, having lost five of its last six games. On Oct. 8 the Blue Devils played against UW-Superior at the Johnson Fieldhouse. The UW-Superior Yellowjackets never surrendered the lead in the first two sets, defeating the Blue Devils 25-19 in both sets. UW-Stout did rally back in the third set but were unable to maintain, losing 25-21 in a complete sweep. UW-Stout's Steph Nichols was the only Blue Devil to record double-digit kills with 10.
Next game:(Away) against UW-Platteville on Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Soccer
Record: 5-7-3
On Oct. 11, four UW-Stout players scored their first goals of the season when the Blue Devils played against UW-Superior. The Blue Devils tallied the most goals in a single game since the 2004, beating UW-Superior 5-0. The win over UW-Superior made UW-Stout's fifth shutout of the season. The women's soccer team now looks to improve its record this weekend when it faces off against UW-Whitewater.
Next game:(Away) against UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 12:30 p.m.



Blue Devil Football

Football
Record: 3-2
The Blue Devils football team bounced back from a one-possession loss to Missouri S&T on Sept. 20 when it went on to beat UW-Platteville 46-31 the following weekend. However, UW-Stout wasn't able to stay on the right track as it lost 9-7 against UW-Oshkosh on Oct. 11. The Blue Devils look to improve their record as they face off against UW-Stevens Point this weekend, in the UW-Stout Homecoming game.
Next game:(HOMECOMING) against UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

Women's golf team ends season in fourth place at the WIAC Championship, football team falls to UW-Oshkosh 9-7 at home, tennis player Allie Hinman was a double winner against UW-Eau Claire.

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Room 201, Millennium Hall

Resumes and Cover Letters Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Saturday, October 18

Homecoming Parade
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Monday, October 20

End of First Quarter

Tuesday, October 21

Advisement Day, No Classes

OKTOBERFEST! '08 Buffet
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Great Hall, MSC

Interviewing Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Gourmet Burger Night
4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Commons
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Tainter

Wednesday, October 22

Beginning of Second Quarter

How to Find a Co-op/Internship Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Thursday, October 23

Resumes and Cover Letters Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority
Recruitment Event
6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Outside Ballrooms, MSC

What We Can Learn from Mr. Rogers
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie, WI

Tuesday, October 28

Portfolios Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, October 29

Interviewing Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

North Campus Trick or Treating
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
North Campus Residence Halls,
UW-Stout Campus

Reading by Author Michael Perry
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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Thursday, October 16

Couch-a-Thon
Noon until Friday at Noon
South Lawn, MSC

Stoutonia's Pumpkin
Impalement Competition
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
East Lawn, Price Commons

Super Hero Students
7 p.m.
South Lawn, MSC

Harvest Fest by Campus Crusade
for Christ
7 p.m.
Meet outside the Great Hall, MSC

Friday, October 17

Coronation and Derek Hughes
Magician/Comedian
7 p.m.
Great Hall, MSC

Sunday, October 19

Pleasant Valley Tree Farm by
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Monday, October 20

Casino Night
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Tuesday, October 21

Hacking Democracy movie
7 p.m.
Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, October 22

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Cost: $8 w/Student ID, $12 public
7:30 p.m.
Great Hall, MSC

Thursday, October 23

The Owls with Nee Nee
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, October 24

Wall-E movie
7 p.m.
Room 210, Applied Arts

Athletics

Thursday, October 16

Tennis at UW-La Crosse
3 p.m.
La Crosse, WI

Friday, October 17

Volleyball vs. UW-Platteville
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Saturday, October 18 - Homecoming

Men's Cross Country at Jim Drews
Invitational
10:30 a.m.
West Salem, WI

Women's Cross Country at Tori
Neubauer Invite
11:30 a.m.
West Salem, WI

Volleyball vs. UW-La Crosse
Noon
Menomonie, WI

Soccer at UW-Whitewater
12:30 p.m.
Whitewater, WI

Football vs. UW-Stevens Point
1 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Tennis vs. UW-Whitewater
3 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Sunday, October 19

Soccer vs. St. Benedict
3 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Wednesday, October 22

Volleyball vs. UW-River Falls
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Thursday, October 23

Soccer vs. St. Mary's University
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Friday, October 24

Volleyball at Central, IA Tournament
Vs. Millikin University - 3 p.m.
Vs. Central College – 5 p.m.
Pella, IA

Women's Cross Country at
Lake Wissota Invitational
4 p.m.
Chippewa Falls, WI

Men's Cross Country at
Lake Wissota Invitational
4:45 p.m.
Chippewa Falls, WI

Hockey at Concordia-WIs
7 p.m.
Mequon, WI

Saturday, October 25

Tennis at WIAC Tournament
Noon
Madison, WI

Volleyball at Central, IA Tournament
Vs. Augustana, IL College – Noon
Vs. Grinnel College – 2 p.m.
Pella, IA

Football at UW-River Falls
1 p.m.
River Falls, WI

Hockey vs. Marian College
7:30 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Sunday, October 26

Tennis at WIAC Tournament
Madison, WI



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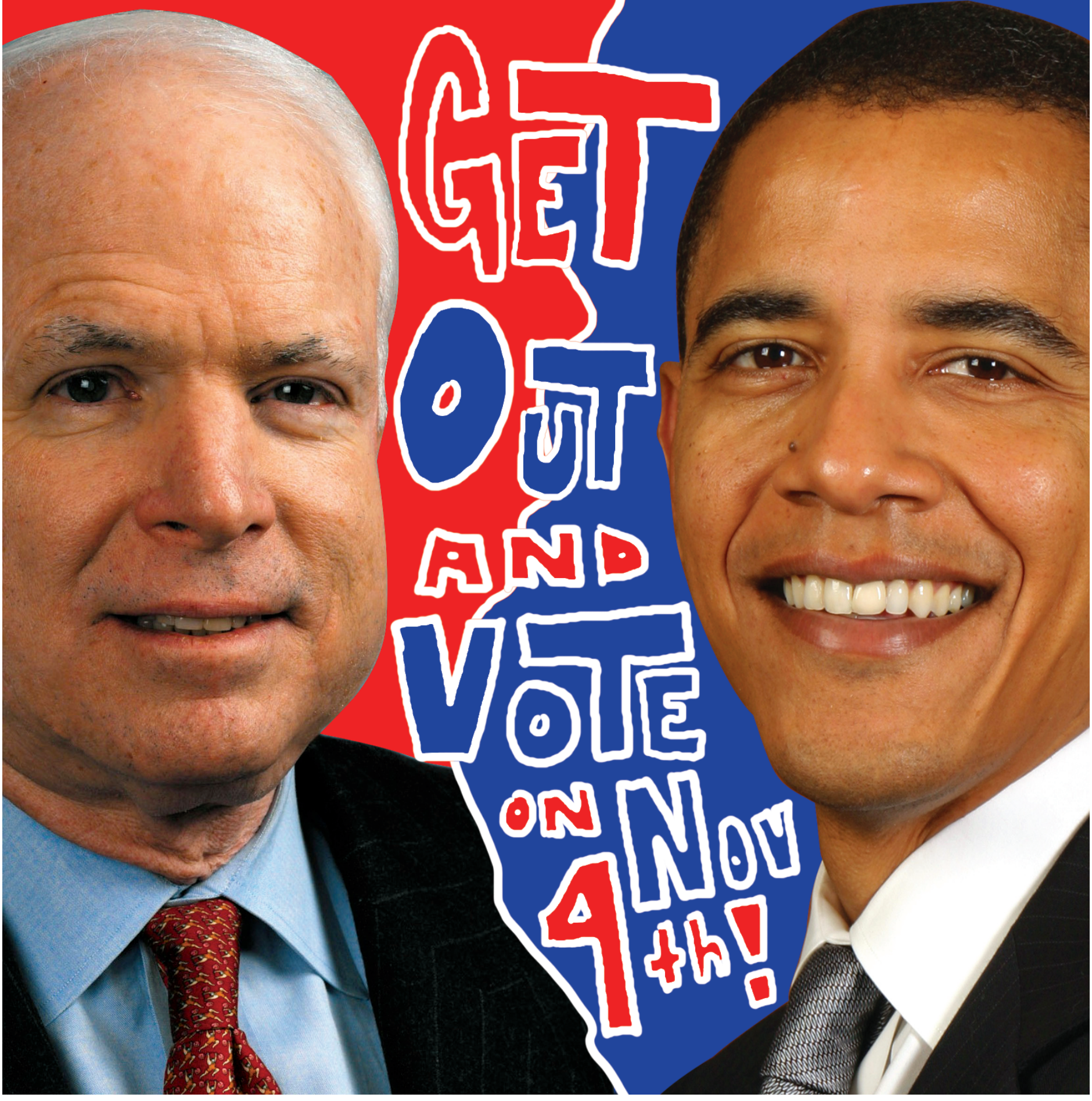
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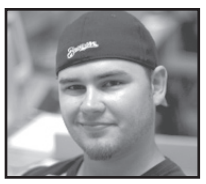




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Stoutonia takes the hit



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

At Stoutonia's Pumpkin Impalement, Brent Anderson, senior in graphic communications management, chucked pumpkins and other squash at spikes outside of the Merle Price Commons Oct. 16 to see who could impale the most pumpkins.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Students could enter a raffle to win gift certificates to Parker's Restaurant and Grill and Ted's Pizza.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

For more results about the winners of the Pumpkin Impalement, check page 17.

Making art out of waste | The 2nd annual recyclable art competition



Graphic submitted by Cara Baker

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

Most people are familiar with the mantra of the waste hierarchy, "reduce, reuse and recycle." While it is simple for consumers to regularly reduce and recycle their waste, it can be hard for consumers to come up with creative ways to reuse their plastic bottles and tin cans.

To gain inspiration or motivation for turning your recyclables into art, consider the 2nd Annual Recyclable Art Competition. This event will be held on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

The purpose of the competition is to celebrate America Recycles Day and to reward members of the Menomonie community for creatively reusing their recyclables. The event will also feature live music and environmental games for all ages.

The competition is hosted by the student organization GreenSense, the UW-Stout Biology department, the Greater Menomonie Area Community Foundation and other local businesses and organizations. Dr. Krista James, a biology professor and adviser to GreenSense, was involved in the implementation of the Recyclable Art Competition last year.

> "It was exciting to see people of all ages contribute to the event."
>
> —*Hope Larsen*

James says the competition began when she and Raina Clark, the UW-Stout sustainability coordinator, began to brainstorm on how to promote recycling on campus. Aside from gaining the help of GreenSense to promote and organize the competition, James also had help from Biology 111 students who volunteered at the event.

The Recyclable Art Competition has grown in the last year and features many categories for people of all ages and skills to showcase their artistic talents. Entries will be judged by both UW-Stout art instructors and a popular vote. The only requirement for the artwork is that it be made from recycled materials. Prizes from numerous local businesses will be awarded to the winners of the competition.

Hope Larsen, a junior in Applied Science, won the judges' vote last year for her artwork made from reused textiles.

"It was exciting to see people of all ages contribute to the event," Larsen said. "It was neat to see how things you didn't think could be recycled could be reused in art." Larsen is considering entering the competition again this year.

Also featured at the Recyclable Art Competition is the band Little Willy. Little Willy plays rock music for all ages and they were a huge hit with the crowd at last year's Recyclable Art Competition.

Through a $250 grant from the Greater Menomonie Area Community Foundation and UW-Stout honors students, there will also be free environmental games at the competition. These games, coordinated by graphic design student Cara Baker, have been crafted for sustainability and will be used in the future by the Recyclable Art Competition and other Menomonie organizations.

The deadline for entering artwork in the Recyclable Art Competition is Nov. 1. For entries and more information please contact Dr. Krista James at jamesk@uwstout.edu.

To register, go to: www.uwstout.edu/sustainability/recyclableart.shtml

Halloween canned food drive

Alyssa Anttila
Staff Writer

Trick or ... can?

University of Wisconsin-Stout athletes will be trick-or-treating for canned goods around the Menomonie area Thursday, Oct. 30 through Saturday, Nov. 1.

Each year, teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conferences (WIAC) have a contest to see which school can accumulate the most canned goods at of the end school year.

"Last year we got second place," said Jill Jolliff, assistant athletic direction and head volleyball coach. "We've always collected cans in the spring but this year we are going to try for Halloween."

"Student athletes have been participating in the canned drive for about 10 years or so," said Andy Towner, president of the Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC). "SAAC is committed to engaging in campus and community service projects and serving as positive role models for their peers."

Jolliff is optimistic the teams will collect more cans this year, possibly helping them win first place. Not only is this a competition between rival schools, this is a great opportunity for students to contribute to the local food shelf.

All items collected will be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry located in Menomonie. According to their Web site (http://interfaith-volunteers.org/about.html), Interfaith Food Pantry's mission is to "provide food and personal care items to households living on limited income in Dunn County."

"Everyone, even students, have something they can donate," said Jolliff. "Even ramen noodles will work."

"You can donate or collect cans and bring them to my office [room 208 Sport & Fitness Center]," said Jolliff.

Want to donate?

Interfaith Food Pantry is located on 1620 Stout Rd. in Menomonie.

Interested in volunteering?

Email ivdc@wwt.net or call (715) 235- 2920.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

The Ministry bashes into fall





Photos submitted by Danielle Lund

Students from the Ministry carve pumpkins during its Fall Bash on Advisement Day, Oct. 21. The Ministry is located in the big blue house between Subway and Fleming Hall. It is made up of Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Newman Catholic Community, but is available for students of all denominations.

For any questions regarding The Ministry or its events please contact The Ministry office at (715) 235-4258. Also check out the LCM-Stout and Newman Catholic Students Facebook pages for more information.

The great State Legislature debate

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

The Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center was recently the spacious host of an imminent event to University of Wisconsin students and Wisconsin citizens alike. On Oct. 21, the University Student Senate of the Stout Student Association held a marginally-attended debate between candidates for State Legislature. In attendance were Sheila Hardorf (R) and Alison H. Page (D), candidates for 10th district Wisconsin state senator, as well as 29th district state assembly candidates Chris Buckel (D) and John Murtha (R). Libertarian State Assembly candidate Craig Mohn did not respond to the attendance request.

SSA Legislative Affairs Director Misty Malott mediated the debate before an unfortunately small audience. Mallot began the debate with seven questions pertaining to the current state of higher education in Wisconsin. Answers were limited to 90 seconds per question. Questions from the audience followed and the event ended with closing statements from each candidate.

Incumbent Sheila Harsdorf stated that she would not raise taxes to pay for increased funding in higher education, and instead wishes to focus on raising the income of citizens. Harsdorf pointed out that Madison's tuition is the ninth highest in the Big Ten, and while "a tuition freeze is not viable," she supports a cap on the increase of tuition.

> "Higher education and K-12 schools should be the number one priority in a democracy."
>
> —Alison Page

Incumbent John Murtha agreed that some tuition regulation would be beneficial. He is in favor of a four percent tuition cap "so students can plan ahead."

Alison Page expressed concern that Wisconsin spends more on prisons than higher education, stating that "higher education and K-12 schools should be the number one priority in a democracy."

"Higher education has taken a back seat in Wisconsin in recent years," Chris Buckel said. "If education was a higher priority, tuition caps would not be necessary."

Senator Harsdorf stated that while competitive pay salaries are important, many reasons could be involved in faculty retention.

Harsdorf opposes collective bargaining rights for faculty. "Collective bargaining would increase competition and create division between UW campuses," Harsdorf said.

"Retention is a problem in UWs," Page said. "I've seen it myself in UW schools like River Falls."

Page would support collective bargaining as long as it is not disruptive of student opportunities.

"I support anyone's right to collectively bargain for wages," Buckel said.

Murtha expressed that he is "not opposed to higher salary as long as we can afford it." Concerning collective bargaining, he is "neutral, leaning toward no," and "not sure if it will help."

Introducing a related question, Mallot stated that "UW-Madison is the only Big Ten school that currently does not offer domestic partnership benefits … the absence of these benefits presents challenges in recruiting and retaining faculty and staff."

"Do you support allowing UW System institutions to offer domestic partner benefits?" Mallot asked.

Murtha and Harsdorf do not support the issue, while Buckel and Page do.

All candidates agreed that additional support for financial aid is necessary.

Questions from the audience covered the topics of Roe vs. Wade, state run health care and stem cell research. Aside from Buckel's pro-life stance, candidates basically followed party lines on the issues. All agreed that health care needs comprehensive reform and favored adult stem cell research over embryonic.

For candidate profiles and campaign web sites of candidates on Wisconsin ballots, visit: **www.wisconsinvote.org/candidates.cfm.**

For general information on elections and voting visit: **elections.state.wi.us.**

Do you know
who you're voting for?

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

While most students probably know who they will be voting for by this time, many might be second guessing their choice based on little issues that make a big difference. With all of the negative ads running out there in the past few months, sometimes it's hard to know which candidate will be the best person for the job come Nov. 4.

Although it is not even a question whether or not all students should get out the vote this coming week, many students may still have the question of 'Who?'

The following information is meant to give you a sneak peak into the minds of the two main parties. Whether you consider yourself Republican or Democratic, it is definitely important to look into key issues before you cast your ballot.

Senator John S. McCain III (Ariz.)

"Country First: Reform. Prosperity. Peace."

-www.JohnMcCain.com

Current Office: U.S. Senate
Seniority: Senior Seat
Office Seeking: President
First Elected: 11/04/1986
Last Elected: 11/02/2004
Next Election: 2010
Party: Republican

Background Information
- **Family:** Wife, Cindy Lou Hensley
- 7 Children: Doug, Sidney, Andy, Meghan, Jack, Jimmy, Bridget
- **Birth Date:** 08/29/1936
- **Birthplace:** Panama Canal Zone, Panama
- **Home City:** Phoenix, Ariz.
- **Religion:** Episcopalian

Education:
- National War College, 1973-1974
- BS, United States Naval Academy, 1958

Professional Experience
- Senate Navy Liaison, 1977-1981
- Captain, United States Navy, Vietnam, 1958-1981
- Beer Distributor

Political Experience
- Senator, United States Senate, Arizona, 1987-present
- Primary Candidate, United States President, 2000
- National Security Adviser, Dole/Kemp Presidential Campaign, 1996
- Representative, United States House of Representatives, 1982-1986

Senator Barack H. Obama Jr. (Ill.)

"I'm asking you to believe. Not just in my ability to bring about real change in Washington..."

-www.barackobama.com

Current Office: U.S. Senate
Seniority: Junior Seat
Office Seeking: President
First Elected: 11/02/2004
Last Elected: 11/02/2004
Next Election: 2010
Party: Democratic

Background Information
- **Gender:** Male
- **Family:** Wife, Michelle
- **2 Children:** Malia, Sasha
- **Birth Date:** 08/04/1961
- **Birthplace:** Honolulu, Hawaii
- **Home City:** Chicago, Ill.
- **Religion:** United Church of Christ

Education:
- JD, Harvard Law School, 1991
- BA, Columbia University, 1983
- Attended, Occidental College

Professional Experience:
- Community Organizer, Chicago, 1985
- Attorney, Sidley & Austin
- Author
- Lecturer
- Professor, Constitutional Law

Political Experience:
- Senator, United States Senate, 2005-present
- Keynote Speaker, 2004 Democratic National Convention
- Senator, Illinois State Senate, 1996-2004

Governor Sarah H. Palin (Alaska)

Current Office: Governor
Office Seeking: Vice President
First Elected: 11/07/2006
Last Elected: 11/07/2006
Next Election: 2010
Party: Republican

Background Information
- **Family:** Husband, Todd
- **5 Children:** Track, Bristol, Willow, Piper, Trig
- **Birth Date:** 02/11/1964
- **Birthplace:** Sandpoint, Idaho
- **Home City:** Wasilla, Alaska
- **Religion:** Wasilla Bible Church

Education:
- BA, Communications/Journalism, University of Idaho, 1987.

Professional Experience:
- Media
- Utilities

Political Experience:
- Governor, Alaska, 2006-present
- Former President, Alaska Conference of Mayors
- Former Mayor/Manager, Wasilla City
- Former Council Member, Wasilla City Council

Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Del.)

Current Office: U.S. Senate
Seniority: Senior Seat
Office Seeking: U.S. Senate, Vice President
First Elected: 11/07/1972
Last Elected: 11/05/2002
Next Election: 2008
Party: Democratic

Background Information
- **Gender:** Male
- **Family:** Wife, Jill
- **4 Children:** Beau, Hunter, Ashley, Naomi (deceased)
- **Birth Date:** 11/20/1942
- **Birthplace:** Scranton, Pa.
- **Home City:** Wilmington, Del.
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic

Education:
- JD, Syracuse University College of Law, 1968
- BA, History/Political Science, University of Delaware, 1965

Professional Experience:
- Adjunct Professor, Widener University School of Law, 1991-present
- Attorney, Private Practice, Wilmington, Delaware, 1968-1972

Political Experience:
- Candidate, United States President, 1988, 2008
- Senator, United States Senator, 1973-present
- Councilmember, New Castle County Council, 1970-1972

http://www.votesmart.org/index.htm

Obama/Biden:

Much of the following information are claims obtained from the candidates' own campaign Web site. Many additional issues available at www.votesmart.org and www.barackobama.com

Education

"Recruit, Prepare, Retain, and Reward America's Teachers."

K-12: "Reform No Child Left Behind' with more funding and attention to low income and struggling schools. "Support High-Quality Schools" and "Close Low-Performing Charter Schools" in order to create new, stronger ones. Obama also has plans to "Make Math and Science Education a National Priority."

Higher Education: Obama will create a new American Opportunity Tax Credit. This credit will make the first $4,000 of a student's college education free for most Americans. This credit will take care of most college tuition costs and will cover community college funding completely. In order to receive this credit, students need to complete 100 hours of community service.

Obama and Biden will simplify the application for free federal aid to a simple checked box on an individuals tax form, rather than a whole separate application. He will also make sure more students fill out the application each year, as 1.5 million American students don't apply for financial aid at all.

Economy

The Obama campaign has focused on many issues dealing with the economy throughout the race to the White House. Obama's main concerns with the current economic situation are: healthcare costs, the rise in college education costs and the swift rate that prices are increasing all across the board.

Obama and Biden plan on giving all American families a $1,000 emergency energy rebate by inducing a "windfall" tax on oil companies.

They also plan to provide tax relief to more than 150 million American workers, and eliminate income tax altogether for 10 million Americans.

Health care:

As president, Obama would give Americans the choice between keeping their current health benefits with their insurance companies, or joining a governmental health care plan. This governmental plan would give every American the same health benefits that Obama and McCain receive themselves. With his plan, Obama estimates a savings of around $2,500 for every family.

"…It's time to bring together businesses, the medical community, and members of both parties around a comprehensive solution to this crisis ..." -Barack Obama, Speech in Iowa City, IA, 5/27/07

McCain/Palin:

Much of the following information are claims from the candidates own campaign Web site. Many additional issues available at www.votesmart.org and www.JohnMcCain.com

Education

"Excellence, Choice, and Competition in American Education."

K-12: McCain will direct funding and other resources to make sure that the neediest children are able to participate in successful programs. Tax dollars will go towards rigorous programs that challenge children regardless of their financial and personal background.

Higher Education: With more competition in higher education all across the world, McCain plans to "rise to the challenge" and revamp universities to keep up with America's educational reputation and standard. McCain doesn't want to impose any restrictions on universities, but rather ensure that they are doing their job in educating America's youth and young adults.

McCain would also like to simplify the financial aid process. He proposes limiting the number of programs eligible in order to make the financial aid process simpler for students.

Economy:

One of senator McCain's main goals is to balance the economy by the year 2013. McCain focuses on creating more jobs for Americans, creating portable, affordable health-care and reducing high gas prices.

One goal that McCain has is to create more than 50,000 new jobs in America. McCain would like to do so with the production of 45 additional nuclear power plants by 2030.

On the issue of taxes, McCain wants to keep tax rates low and to lower corporate tax rates by 10 percent.

Health care:

McCain has worked very hard to make his voice heard on the issue of health care. As president, McCain would install a refundable tax credit of $5,000 for families and $2,500 for individuals. With this plan, McCain proposes no tax increases on any individual.

"It really is the escalating costs of health-care that's inflicting such pain on working families and people across this country. And I am convinced we need to do a lot of things…."

- John McCain, 2008 third presidential debate against Barack Obama Oct. 15, 2008

Although this is just a tiny sneak peak into the issues of McCain and Obama, hopefully it has sparked some interest within students to learn more. Whether you go out and talk to someone, search the Web, newspapers or television, much of your voting decision rests on your morals, personal beliefs and background.

Many young adults today are still deciding who they will vote for and why. All in all, the most important thing that students all across the country need to know is that their vote does matter, and it does make a difference. So read up, research and take your decision to the polls this coming Tuesday!



Toby Zingrone/Stoutonia

Senator Russ Feingold came to University of Wisconsin – Stout on Monday October 27th for an early voting rally. Russ spoke about the importance of this election and the direct ties of the issues into the state of Wisconsin. Students, as well as community members, piled into Ballroom C in the MSC for this event. Along with Feingold, 3rd district congressman Ron Kind spoke to the students. Both Feingold and Kind showed their support for Alison Page, a river-falls resident running for State senate in Wisconsin district 10. Page looked on at the event, meeting many students afterwards and answering questions as well. The three democrats only made a quick stop at UW-Stout as they were on a tour of the UW Schools, talking about the importance of early voting all day.

Why can't we vote in the summer?

National Public Radio

Why in November?

Most Americans made their living from agriculture in 1845 and Congress felt that November was the most convenient month for farmers and citizens living in rural areas to get to the polls. Preparing fields and planting crops consumed lots of the public's time in the spring and summer months. But by early November, the harvest was over in most areas, and the weather was still mild and dry enough to allow travel over the dirt and rock roads of the day.

Why on Tuesday?

In 1845, and for many years after that, only the county seats had a polling places. For many voters, this meant at least an overnight trip on horseback or buggy. If the election were held on Monday, people would have to leave on Sunday, which in 1845, was reserved for church.

Why the first Tuesday after the first Monday?

Congress wanted to make sure the election never fell on the first of November. November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Roman Catholic Church (All Saints Day). In addition, many businesses tallied their sales and expenses and did their books for the previous month on the first of each month. Congress feared that an unusually good or bad economic month might influence the vote if it were held on the 1st.

Sustainable Technology and Energy Center

Industry leaders and UW-Stout students unite for sustainable gains

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

A new center at the University of Wisconsin-Stout aims to facilitate eco-industrial development between UW-Stout and leaders in regional businesses and the local community.

The Stout Sustainable Technology and Energy Center is currently uniting members of the UW-Stout biology, chemistry, business and design departments with local businesses such as Five Star Dairy of Elkmound, Wis. and the Gopher Resource Corporation of Eagan, Minn.

According to STEC coordinator and College of Arts and Sciences lecturer, Jeff Mullins, through these collaborations opportunities for "resource exchanges, shared services and workforce training" will be developed for economical and environmentally sustainable gains for UW-Stout and its students, as well as local businesses.

Through the collaborations STEC provides, UW-Stout students and faculty can exchange class work for industry experience. Not only does this exchange create sustainable relationships between businesses and UW-Stout students, but it helps UW-Stout become a leader in the issue of environmental sustainability.

A current example of an STEC project is the organization of a composting network. This network aims to facilitate the discussion and implementation of composting resources for UW-Stout, local businesses and the Dunn County community.

A forum to brainstorm ideas for the composting network was held on Oct. 23 at the Dunn County Judicial Center.

Facilitating the forum were Jeff Mullins and Randy Hulke, director of the Stout Technology Transfer Institute. In attendance were members of the Dunn County community, representatives from Veolia Environmental Services, Wal-Mart and other local businesses and UW-Stout Biology Department professors. Also in attendance were UW-Stout business students from the Strategic Management class taught by Dr. Anne Hoel and a representative from the UW-Stout Dining Services.

The members of the forum were divided into three groups and lead in discussion by students from Dr. Hoel's class. The issues of composting were brought up within the groups and the students helped to monitor and record the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a composting network within the Dunn County Community.

Some of the issues brought up included what the fiscal advantages and disadvantages would be of having a composting site as opposed to a compost collection, as well as what type of organic material could be composted and what the projected incentives would be for the program.

At the end of the group discussion the major advantages and concerns for the network were collected by Mullins and Hulke. The information gathered will serve as an outline for potential grant funding to start a pilot composting program.

Mullins and Hulke seemed pleased with the outcome of the meeting and were looking forward to getting the project started.

For the future success of STEC, Mullins stressed the importance of "connecting the dots and talking to businesses and faculty and finding areas where students can get involved."

Other current projects STEC is working on include a possible internship program that teaches students how to look for energy inefficiencies within buildings and a partnership between construction students and the Environmental Learning Center.

For more information about STEC contact Jeff Mullins at mullinsj@uwstout.edu



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

Sustainable Stout:

EcoLearning

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The theme for the 2008 Training and Development Summit is "EcoLearning: Are You Ready?"

The summit will be held on Nov. 6 and can be taken for a one-credit elective by undergraduate and graduate students.

This event is sponsored by the College of Management, the Northwest Wisconsin Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development and the University of Wisconsin-Stout Outreach Service.

The keynote speaker for the summit is Diane Amundson, General Manager of Express Solutions. Amundson has worked with businesses such as General Mills and PepsiCo, as well as small organizations. Her speech will focus on the Y Generation and how an organization needs to "retain this inclusive, environmentally-conscious generation."

Also featured at the summit are four different tracks and breakout sessions. These tracks range in topics and include "Generational Workforce Divide," "Leadership and Change Management," "Organizational Examples - First Hand Experience of Going Green" and "Reduce Carbon Footprint with Virtual Meetings & Online Training."

The registration cost for UW-Stout faculty, staff and students is $79. To register please go to http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/training/index.htm.

The Smartt Network

Now finding a job is a no-brainer

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout students will soon have another way to find jobs in western Wisconsin. No matter the student's major, background, personal life or current job may be, the Smartt Network will help to prepare them further for what is beyond. "It's an opportunity network," said Brian Douda, executive producer of the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation. "The Smartt Network is designed to help students explore new opportunities around careers."

This online marketplace will encourage students and those already working to check out the labor market in western Wisconsin from areas like Rice Lake, Hudson, Black River Falls and all the way through Abbotsford.

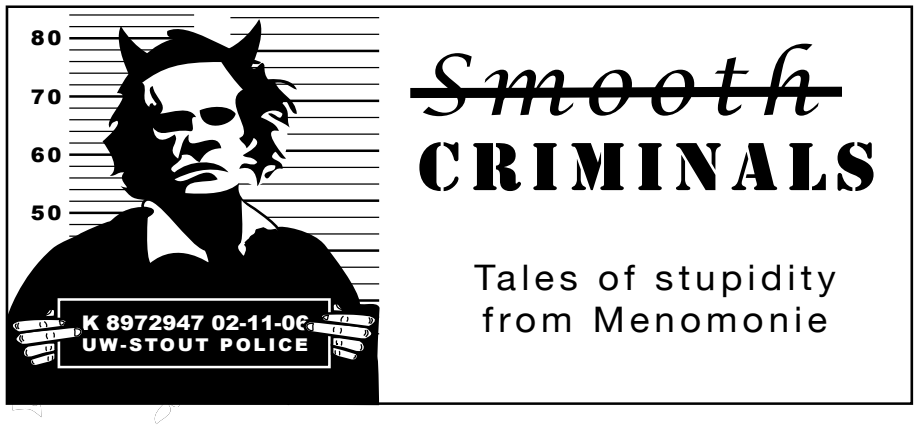
With this new regional labor market solution, students can create a confidential professional profile for companies and corporations to view and analyze. Employers will be able to search these 'resume profiles' by key words or by students' experiences.

Students at UW-Stout can begin to take advantage of this opportunity as it becomes available to them in a few weeks.

Sign up before Nov. 1 and be put in a drawing for gift certificates and other fun prizes!

To join the network or to obtain any additional information, log onto:
www.SmarttNetwork.com

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Citations Issued

Oct. 16 through Oct. 19

UAD 1st – 37
UAD 2nd – 7
Disorderly Conduct – 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2
Driving with Person Riding Illegally – 1

Friends don't let friends act like idiots

Oct. 18

A student thought he would leave his mark on an inner stadium wall. After the creative process, they split the scene leaving two friends to clean up the graffiti. Lesson: choose your friends wisely unless you want to be the maid.

These are due back . . .

Oct. 17

Unable to comprehend the idea of rentals, someone stole six DVDs and broke their cases at the University Library. Maybe instead of running off with movies like "The Fifth Element," "Bowfinger," "Bamboozled" and "Zero Effect," they should have just raided the dollar bin at Walmart.

Desperate for a playlist

Oct. 18

A vehicle was broken into and an iPod was taken. Someone must have been in dire need of some party tunes.

Play nice with others or ruin some dry wall

Oct. 18

When a couple of guests in a Red Cedar room got out of hand, the two residents decided to send them on their way. Coming back to grab the things they left, two of the visitors forced their way in. Push led to shove and the sheetrock wall came out on bottom, leaving a dent and some swollen tempers.

Volunteer Firefighter?

Oct. 19

A fire extinguisher was stolen from Jarvis Hall only to be found later in a hallway. They must have been beaten to the blaze…

United Council | Let's just be friends

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

The verdict is in, and United Council is out. With a vote of 760 to 416, University of Wisconsin-Stout students swiftly resolved any lingering uncertainties as to UW-Stout's relationship with UC. UW-Stout is no longer a member of UC.

"The loss of University of Wisconsin-Stout will have only a slight impact," said UC Vice President Dakota Kaiser. "We have a substantial amount of funds in investments and savings [and] the financial impact will have no immediate effect. The real loss is not having UW-Stout present at the table. The loss is unfortunate, but as we enter the state budgeting process and move forward with restructuring the State Student Association, we have to get back to business."

What will this mean for UW-Stout? "The secession from UC means students will save a collective $17,600 next semester, and $35,200 next year," said Michael Lubke, UW-Stout's student body president. "For the student government it will mean we will not be attending the meetings and taking part in their general assemblies. The decision to leave was very strongly stated with this vote."

While the clamor of the UC debate fades into the halls of remission, the endurance of the sounds of silence remains doubtful. Membership is now contingent upon the inclination of the current and future voting members of the University Student Senate of the Stout Student Association. The USS can—at any time—choose to put the issue to referendum, once again placing the decision in the inboxes of UW-Stout students, and conjuring the echoes of the forgotten debate forthwith.



BARBINA'Z
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UW-Stout students speak their

Hannah Schroeder
UW-Stout student contributor

I have 11 reasons why I am voting for Barack Obama, and here they are, in no particular order:

1. I am a UW-Stout student. He would put into place a $4,000 per year tax credit for public university tuition, which is paid back with 100 hours of community service. I am poor. This would make college WAY more affordable.

2. I am a woman. Barack Obama has voted multiple times to pass laws that would provide equal pay for woman. (John McCain voted against these laws multiple times.)



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3. I make less than $250,000 a year. With Obama, I would get a tax break. I would be saving three times the amount of money through taxes breaks with Obama's plan compared to McCain's plan.

4. I am not a cat. I do not have nine lives. Therefore, I want to know that I can afford health care. Obama would provide access to affordable, comprehensive health coverage to every American.

5. I want to be an art teacher, and he would provide more funding for schools, as well as increase teachers' salaries. McCain would cut funding for schools that are struggling. Obama would also invest more money in early childhood education, so when children all across America go to kindergarten they will all be at the same level educationally.

6. If the unimaginable were to happen, and our president's life was taken or he passed away, Joe Biden would be able to keep this country in one piece. Sarah Palin could not. If McCain were elected and then died, our country would be in a very bad situation. We cannot have someone who believes that dinosaurs were here 4,000 years ago having power over our nuclear codes.

7. He demonstrates admirable family values. He has a very intelligent wife who loves and supports him, and is the father of two beautiful daughters. His devotion to his family is obvious and commendable.

8. He plans to end the war in Iraq with a 16-18 month withdrawal period to get our troops out in an orderly fashion. Some people think when he says that he'll "end the war" that the troops would leave with the snap of his fingers, but this isn't true. It would take time, but he has a plan, and McCain said that he would keep troops there until "the job got done. Even…if that means 100 years." Ending the war in Iraq would end the deaths of so many of our heroic troops, as well as innocent civilians. Also, it would stop the spending of $10 BILLION dollars each month. Our invasion of Iraq has put our country so far in debt that it is not funny.

9. Obama's energy plan is much more comprehensive than McCain's. He would invest much more money in alternative energy, such as wind and solar power, and into the creation of more eco-friendly vehicles. McCain has, in 2006, voted for a $5 billion tax break for big oil and supports drilling for more oil, rather than implementing long-term changes.

10. He brings together both Republicans and Democrats. Many powerful Republicans who have worked in the administrations of Reagan and both of the Bushs (including Republican Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State) have come out in support. I think that the former Governor of Virginia, Republican Linwood Holton stated another good reason to vote for him: "Obama has a brain, and he isn't afraid to use it."

11. Barack Obama is going to bring about the change that this country needs. As he said, "WE are the ones we have been waiting for!"

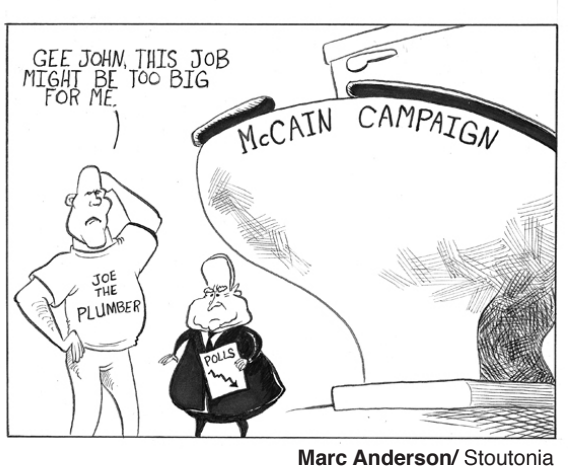
Why I'm casting my vote for Barack Obama

Philip Mach
UW-Stout student contributor

With the presidential election only weeks away, I have been trying to decide for whom I will be voting. I'm a first-time voter who doesn't follow politics very closely. I knew that I needed to look past the candidates' words to figure out just how thoroughly they would follow through with their claims. After researching where Barack Obama stands on the issues such as domestic policy, national security and, an important issue for us all, education, I decided that of the two candidates, his stances are the ones with which I most agree.

For instance, he has a timetable to peacefully end the war in Iraq, and also will take preventative measures to help protect against further attacks similar to 9/11. He also wants to lower the cost of higher education and provide more grants to college students, which is definitely something we would all greatly appreciate, and it's something McCain's plans do not include. After having looked into Obama's previous experiences, his personal life, his ethics and his education (such as how he was brought up by his mother in a lower-income family, which was undoubtedly difficult but still didn't stop him from pursuing dreams and getting a law degree from Harvard), I am convinced that he will follow through with the policies he has proposed, and I feel that these policies will change and improve the lives of the majority of Americans.

With these strong characteristics, his experience and honesty, and because he is such a hard worker, I feel confident that I can put my trust in him. Barack Obama is the candidate who believes it is up to every American to be involved in helping make this country a better place, and with that commitment, we can all join together to make a difference.



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minds on the candidates

Why I'm casting my vote for John McCain

Shawn Peter
UW-Stout alumni contributor

The problem with election season is that there is plenty of information about one candidate, mainly the Democrat, but never enough information about the Republican candidate. Three reasons the average student at the University of Wisconsin-Stout should vote for John McCain and the other Republicans on the ballot this election are taxes, energy and national security.

The average college student who works for fun on the weekends or to pay student bills would fall into the 10 percent tax bracket, thanks to George W. Bush and the Republicans in Congress. Prior to the Bush tax cuts, there were five tax brackets – 15, 28, 31, 36 and 39.6 percent. The Bush Tax cuts created four brackets: 10, 15, 25, and 33 percent - a simpler tax code. Under Obama, income taxes for UW-Stout students would increase 5% because Democrats despise the Bush tax cuts and have pledged to let them expire next year. The marriage tax would increase. The child tax credit would decrease from $1000 to $500. The Bush tax cut eliminated the death tax, but it will be reinstated without action. Lastly and most importantly, if someone decides to sell a house or the land they own, the capital gains tax would go from 15 percent to as high as 35 percent. That would also result in higher taxes on retirement funds. The promise of a tax cut to 95 percent of Americans is bogus, because most of the information about what it entails is not being released. The only good part about it is it sounds great in a stump speech. Not to mention, half of Americans pay income taxes, while the rest are excluded because they are either too poor or they escape with tax write-offs. On taxes, it's simple: John McCain has pledged to make the Bush tax cuts permanent and not raise taxes.

The second reason to vote for John McCain is energy. Gasoline prices have fallen in the last couple of weeks, mainly because of lower demand. But the problem still exists. We need to become 100% energy independent so our economy can get back on track. That would include utilizing all of our natural resources and innovations in alternative energy sources. Our economy will not be on a firm foundation without solving our energy crisis. It will take John McCain and the Republicans to solve our energy crisis. Democrats would rather regulate, tax and create red tape to cement ourselves in our current situation.

The last reason to vote McCain is national security. John McCain has 20 years of foreign policy experience in the United States Senate. He called for the surge in Iraq because he believes in American victory. When the United States of America declares victory in a war, the world is a better place. The day America is defeated is when the world descends into chaos.

Americans are the most prosperous and innovative people in history. We need leadership to continue America's prosperity into the future, and that leader is Senator John McCain.

We know that politics can be a touchy subject for all, so we would like to use this space to remind our readers that the opinions throughout this entire section are those of unpaid volunteer writers, and do not necessary reflect the opinions of the Stoutonia staff.

- Opinions Editor

Why I'm casting my vote for John McCain

Craig Zimanske
UW-Stout student contributor

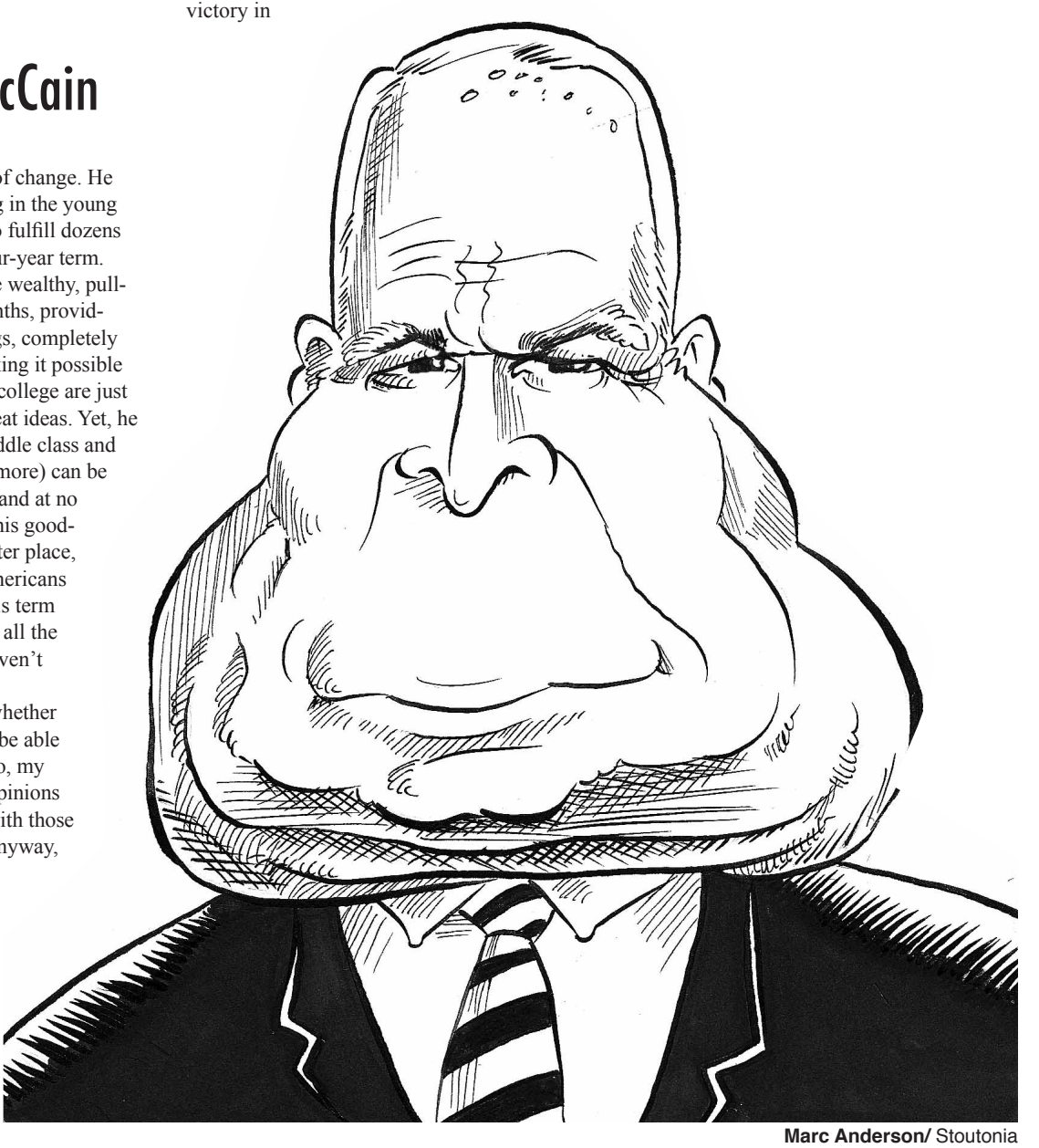
On Nov. 4, Americans will cast their votes in a landmark election – an election that will possibly result in the election of our first non-white president. The fact that African-Americans have come so far through Senator Obama is to be commended and celebrated, and I wish that I could be able to tell my grandkids someday how I voted to elect our nation's first black president. But to vote for Senator Obama with the sole intent of being a part of history would be to vote for the wrong reason.

He has spoken eloquently (and lengthily), yet he has been unable to convince me that he really is a champion of change. He has hyped up America, luring in the young and old alike by promising to fulfill dozens of idealist goals in a brief four-year term. Goals such as taxing only the wealthy, pulling out of Iraq within 16 months, providing cheaper prescription drugs, completely reforming Medicare and making it possible for virtually anyone to go to college are just of few of his many, many great ideas. Yet, he is making the susceptible middle class and elderly think all of this (and more) can be done with a snap of a finger, and at no cost to them. I fully support his goodwill to make our nation a better place, but I fear that millions of Americans will be disappointed when his term comes to an end and all the world's problems haven't vanished.

Regardless of whether Senator Obama will be able to do all he intends to, my ideals, beliefs, and opinions align more closely with those of the Republicans anyway, which is why when I mail in my absentee ballot the circle next to John McCain and Sarah Palin will be filled in.



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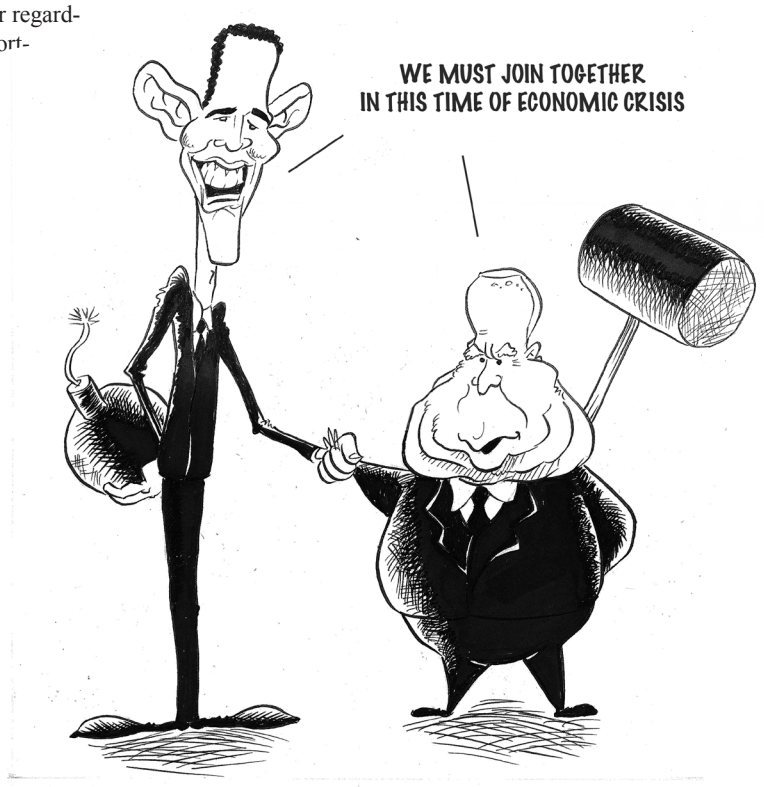


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Depending on the government to bail us out is not the solution

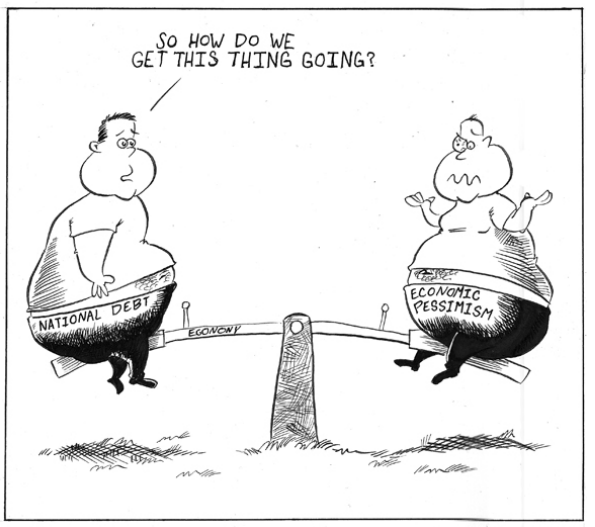
Dan Mielke
Congressional candidate

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." The recent vote on the bailout is proof that we cannot depend on government to fix the recent economic crisis we are in. Think about it. Congress caused this problem by lowering the bar regarding mortgages so that individuals who were unable to pay them back could borrow money. This resulted in failed mortgages and an economic disaster. Now we have Congress trying to solve the problem they caused by doing the very same thing again by loaning money to lending institutions that cannot afford to pay them back. Einstein defined this as insanity. Wouldn't you agree? The solution to our economic crisis lies in the hands of the American people. It is time we bail out America. Obviously, we cannot depend on the present Congress to do the job. They seem to only be making it worse. I would never have voted for this bailout, and I am ashamed of those congressmen who did.



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It's time we all unite and work together to lift up our nation to insulate our community, our state, and our nation from the potential damage of this global financial crisis. It is time we stand united to protect our own. You have heard of the "buy local, buy fresh" movement in central Wisconsin. Well, we need to expand that concept to other areas. We need to create a sustainable nation.



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Every dollar spent should be spent to better America by making sure it stays in our communities when possible, stays in our states when able and certainly stays within our nation's borders.

We cannot afford to watch our wealth exported. If business, industry and tourism must suffer, let's do our part to make sure it doesn't suffer here. Employees should do their absolute best to increase their company's products profitability. Employers should support American suppliers by using their goods and services.

We must make sure that our government spends our tax dollars on American-made goods and services, as well. This will help to increase jobs and prosperity at home. When I see government contracts going to foreign companies rather than our own, I am appalled. For them to put restrictions and demands on our industry and business, and then buy goods from foreign competitors that are not held to the same standards, is an offense against the United States and its workforce. Politicians in Washington must get their priorities straight and return to a position of service to the American people.

The American people built this nation and it will take the American people, not government, to gain victory over this economic crisis.

Dan Mielke is the Congressional candidate for the seventh district.

letters to the editor

Retrofit

Americans cherish that we are a nation ruled by laws. Events recently and during the last eight years, clearly have shown that many of our basic laws need to be updated to fit this century. This will not be easy.

Voters now can elect a new administration and new members of Congress who are on the same pages. We don't need people in Congress who have demonstrated their negativity by filibustering or obstructing because of hurt feelings or other self-serving purposes.

Do we sink? Or do we work together to benefit all Americans? We are on the brink of voting-success.

John Bauer
www.bauerletters.com
Martinez, Ca.

Obama, McCain funding policies

In their first presidential debate, John McCain confirmed his promised funding freeze, which includes funding for science and technology next year and perhaps beyond. Barack Obama argued strongly for increased support for science and education as critical for the future of the country. Do these differences matter?

In a remarkable open letter, 61 Nobel laureates in science answer with a resounding "yes" and argue that an increase in support is essential if we are to address many of our greatest problems: energy, disease, climate change, security, and economic competitiveness. See http://obama.3cdn.net/6667d14fd1301d9e8e_dbg0mvxzz.pdf

The U. S. still leads the world in science and innovation, but our lead in science investment and research output is diminishing alarmingly, threatening the future development of innovative new industries. McCain's promised freeze threatens to accelerate that dangerous trend. Many technical jobs in fields that originated here have already moved overseas to take advantage of the pools of well-educated talent available abroad.

It will take great effort to turn this trend around. We must ensure that we have a strong scientific base, and place greater emphasis on scientific and technical education, job training and support for innovation, if our national and local economies are to prosper.

Obama's proposed policies directly target the investments in these areas that will determine our future economic leadership. They are presented compactly under five broad headings at www.barackobama.com/pdf/issues/FactSheetScience.pdf.

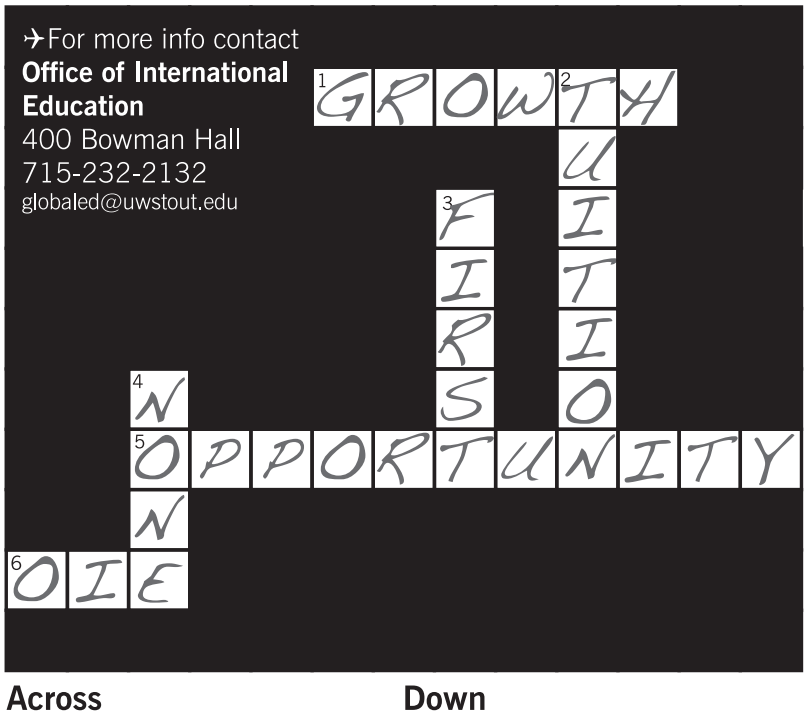
These policies speak to our future and to yours. We encourage you to read them and act accordingly.

Bernice and Loyal Durand
Professors of Physics Emeriti, UW-Madison
Cross Plains, WI

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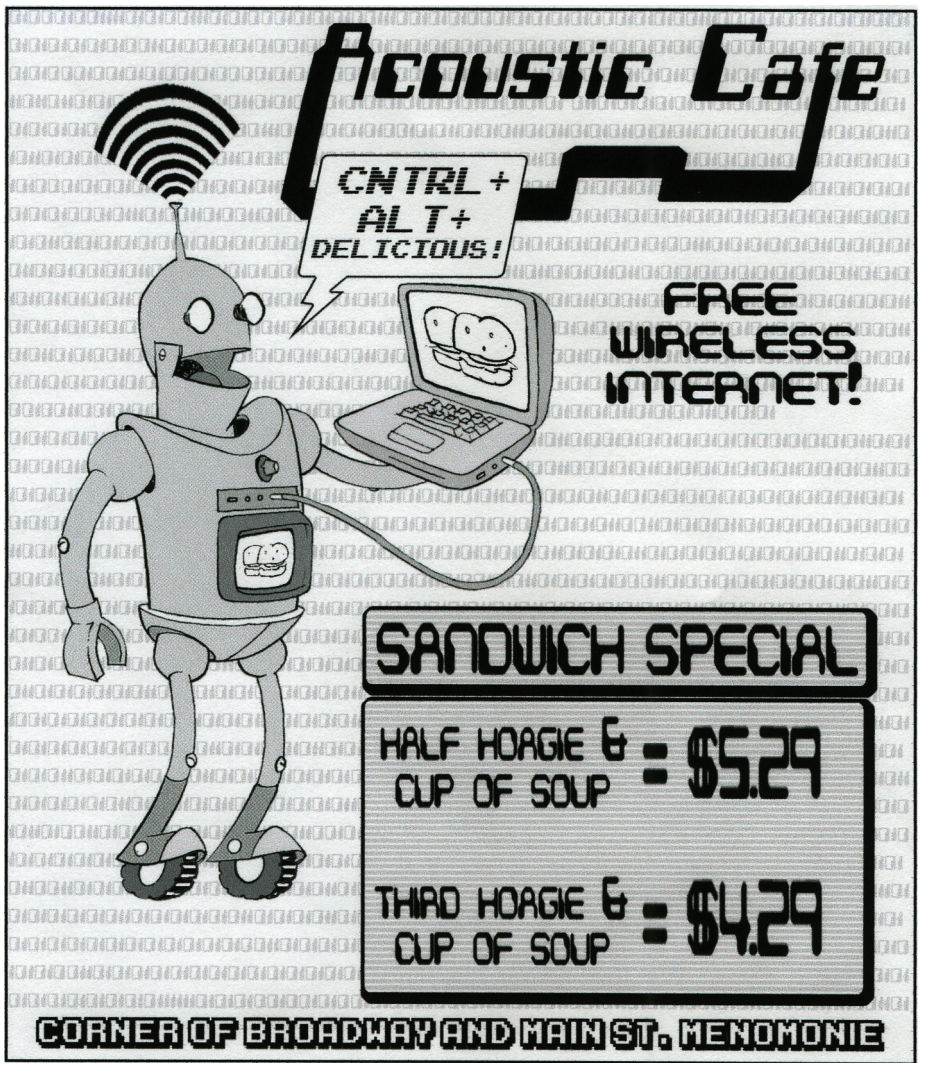


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6. Place to find out more information about NSE

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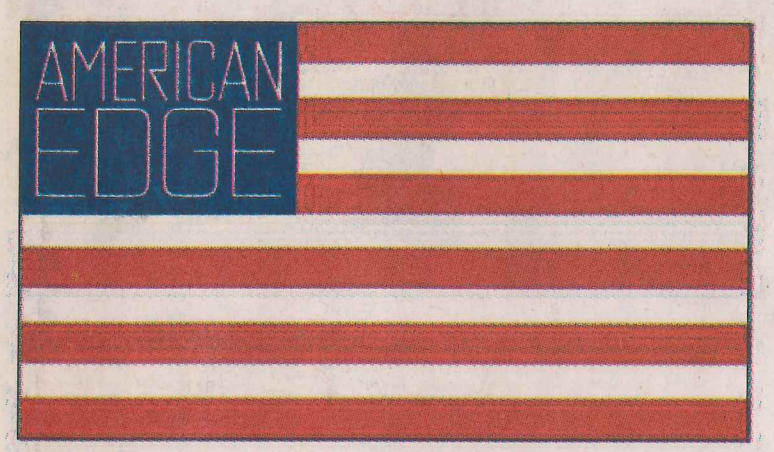
"You go into these small towns in Pennsylvania and, like a lot of small towns in the Midwest, the jobs have been gone now for 25 years and nothing's replaced them. And it's not surprising, then, they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

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1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	$200	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	$200	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
~~1~~	~~1~~	~~620 9th Avenue~~	~~$240~~	~~$240~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Nice-sized efficiency, close to campus, includes utilities~~	~~3~~
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	$255	$255	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	$285	$285	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	702 4th Street	$300	$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	$300	$300	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	EA
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	EA
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	EA
~~1~~	~~1~~	~~115 1/2 West Main Street~~	~~$325~~	~~$325~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown~~	~~3~~
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apartment, parking, storage, lawn care included	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	$385	$385	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
~~1~~	~~1~~	~~1221 7th Street~~	~~$395~~	~~$395~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Very large, nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking~~	~~4~~
1	1	1520 7th Street	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A

BR	BA	Address	E/U	P/P	E/U	P/P	Description	TYPE
4	1	1606 10th Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	New siding, W/D hook-ups, new flooring, off-street parking	H
4	1	1809 6th Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	New flooring throughout, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
4	1	1120 15th Avenue	$620	$155	$790	$198	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$800	$200	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$720	$180	$900	$225	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	2	516 19th Avenue W	$750	$188	$925	$231	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	$800	$200	$975	$244	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	1	1216 6th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Good-sized rooms, porch, across from campus	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1600 10th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
4	1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	$800	$200	$975	$244	Large apt, good-sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1	1509 South Broadway	$850	$213	$1,050	$263	Large house, nice inside, big rooms, great location, parking	H
~~4~~	~~2~~	~~1620 6th Street~~	~~$850~~	~~$213~~	~~$1,030~~	~~$258~~	~~Great house, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage~~	~~H~~
4	2	1515 6th Street	$900	$225	$1,100	$275	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
4	1	2235 South Broadway	$920	$230	$1,120	$280	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
~~4~~	~~2~~	~~1702 6th Street~~	~~$920~~	~~$230~~	~~$1,150~~	~~$288~~	~~Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking~~	~~H~~
~~4~~	~~1~~	~~1114 7th Street~~	~~$950~~	~~$238~~	~~$1,130~~	~~$283~~	~~Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard~~	~~H~~
4	2	602 12th Avenue East	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Large bedrooms, new kitchen floor, W/D, close to campus	D
~~4~~	~~2~~	~~1301 9th Street~~	~~$1,000~~	~~$250~~	~~$1,250~~	~~$313~~	~~Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck~~	~~H~~
~~4~~	~~1.5~~	~~1615 7th St~~	~~$1,000~~	~~$250~~	~~$1,200~~	~~$300~~	~~Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage~~	~~H~~
4	2	400 18th Avenue	$1,040	$260	$1,240	$310	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
~~4~~	~~2~~	~~1317 8th Street~~	~~$1,040~~	~~$260~~	~~$1,240~~	~~$310~~	~~Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location~~	~~H~~
~~4~~	~~2~~	~~332 1/2 Main Street~~	~~$1,080~~	~~$270~~	~~$1,330~~	~~$333~~	~~Huge! Fantastic apt, washer/dryer, deck, car port/parking~~	~~H~~
~~4~~	~~2~~	~~1021 8th Street~~	~~$1,100~~	~~$275~~	~~$1,330~~	~~$333~~	~~Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck~~	~~H~~
~~4~~	~~3~~	~~147 1/2 Main Street #A~~	~~$1,000~~	~~$275~~	~~$1250~~	~~$313~~	~~Great apt, huge rooms, W/D in building, includes WSG~~	~~A~~
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,150	$230	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8

1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
~~1~~	~~1~~	~~333 1/2 Main Street #2~~	~~$445~~	~~$445~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat~~	~~A~~
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
~~1~~	~~1~~	~~116 17th Street NE~~	~~$500~~	~~$500~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Cute house w/ 1-car garage, washer & dryer, large yard~~	~~H~~
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$330	$165	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3
2	1	921 Main Street #2	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Good location, parking, nice-sized rooms, porch	4
2	1	921 Main Street #4	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
2	1	1506 6th Street	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	1415 4th Street West	$425	$213	n/a	n/a	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	D
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street	$425	$213	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	421 13th Avenue West	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Large apt, nice-sized rooms, parking, lawn care included	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	$480	$240	n/a	n/a	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl.	4
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3
2	1	1502 10th Street	$530	$265	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
~~2~~	~~1~~	~~421 Wilson Avenue #2~~	~~$560~~	~~$280~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.~~	~~6~~
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, includes WSG	A
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	208 13th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, large rooms, parking	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
~~3~~	~~1~~	~~1503 7th Street~~	~~$600~~	~~$200~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, parking~~	~~D~~
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	814 1/2 10th Street	$610	$203	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, very nice	D
3	1	1312 6th Street	$620	$207	n/a	n/a	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	2	421 13th Ave W	$775	$259	n/a	n/a	Nice house, large rooms, parking & lawn care included	H
4	1	915 Main Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4	1	1115 14th Avenue	$600	$150	$780	$195	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H

5	1.5	221 4th Street West	$700	$140	$900	$180	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, parking	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	1115 17th Avenue	$800	$160	$1,000	$200	Great house, complete remodel, large rooms, washer/dryer	H
~~5~~	~~1~~	~~1320 6th Street~~	~~$825~~	~~$165~~	~~$1,025~~	~~$205~~	~~Large house, W/D, breezeway, garage, close to campus~~	~~H~~
5	2	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
~~5~~	~~2~~	~~1403 6th Street~~	~~$900~~	~~$180~~	~~$1,180~~	~~$236~~	~~Huge rooms, front porch, lots of parking, close to campus~~	~~H~~
5	2	814 10th Street	$910	$182	$1,110	$222	Desirable house, washer/dryer, many upgrades, parking	D
~~5~~	~~2~~	~~2303 3rd Street~~	~~$920~~	~~$184~~	~~$1,120~~	~~$224~~	~~Large house, washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage~~	~~H~~
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
~~5~~	~~2~~	~~1803 7th Street~~	~~$1,000~~	~~$200~~	~~$1,250~~	~~$250~~	~~Big house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 HUGE bedrooms~~	~~D~~
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	208 13th Avenue West	$1050	$210	n/a	n/a	Good-sized bedrooms, W/D, front porch, close to campus	H
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	$1,050	$210	$1,250	$250	Nice-sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
5	2	414 12th Ave W	$1,050	$210	$1,390	$278	Cute house, big rooms, porch, garage, lawn care included	H
~~5~~	~~2.5~~	~~1502 7th Street~~	~~$1,100~~	~~$220~~	~~$1,300~~	~~$260~~	~~Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard~~	~~H~~
5	2	203 13th Avenue West	$1,150	$230	$1,370	$274	Big house, 2 kitchens, washer/dryer, excellent location	H
~~5~~	~~2~~	~~1208 9th Street~~	~~$1,200~~	~~$240~~	~~$1,450~~	~~$290~~	~~Beautiful house, recently remodeled, W/D, dishwasher~~	~~H~~
5	2	2006 5th Street #B	$1,200	$240	$1,450	$290	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	$1,200	$240	$1,450	$290	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
5	2	321 14th Avenue West	$1,250	$250	$1,475	$295	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
5	2	1008 6th Street	$1,275	$255	$1,535	$307	Fabulous house, large rooms, W/D, garage, close to campus	H
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	$1,325	$265	$1,525	$305	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	$1,325	$265	$1,525	$305	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~1402 8th Street~~	~~$720~~	~~$120~~	~~$920~~	~~$153~~	~~Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement~~	~~H~~
6	2	504 10th Street	$900	$150	$1,180	$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~1603 7th Street~~	~~$1,000~~	~~$167~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~Great house, washer/dryer, fireplace, AVAILABLE 7/1/09~~	~~H~~
6	2	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,100	$183	$1,350	$225	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~1602 8th Street~~	~~$1,100~~	~~$183~~	~~$1,350~~	~~$225~~	~~Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer~~	~~H~~
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~1415 1/2 8th Street~~	~~$1,200~~	~~$200~~	~~$1,480~~	~~$247~~	~~Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more~~	~~D~~
6	2	220 12th Ave West	$1,200	$200	$1,640	$273	Large duplex, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~1714 8th Street~~	~~$1,230~~	~~$205~~	~~$1,480~~	~~$247~~	~~Spacious house, new paint, big deck, garage, pool table~~	~~H~~
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	$1,280	$213	$1,560	$260	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~513 9th Avenue East~~	~~$1,280~~	~~$213~~	~~$1,560~~	~~$260~~	~~Nice, big house, W/D, desirable location near Home Ec. Bldg~~	~~H~~
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~921 8th Street~~	~~$1,350~~	~~$225~~	~~$1,650~~	~~$275~~	~~Great house, large rooms, W/D, new kitchen floor, corner lot~~	~~H~~
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
~~6~~	~~2~~	~~115 1/2 17th Avenue West~~	~~$1,350~~	~~$225~~	~~$1,600~~	~~$267~~	~~Nice, newer apt, great location, washer/dryer & garage~~	~~D~~
~~6~~	~~2.5~~	~~802 12th Avenue~~	~~$1,400~~	~~$233~~	~~$1,700~~	~~$284~~	~~Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec. room, garage & more~~	~~H~~
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$1,225	$175	$1,485	$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
~~7~~	~~3~~	~~1803 7th Street~~	~~$1,325~~	~~$189~~	~~$1,745~~	~~$249~~	~~Big house, 2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage~~	~~H~~
~~7~~	~~2~~	~~820 11th Street~~	~~$1,600~~	~~$229~~	~~$1,900~~	~~$271~~	~~Awesome house! Newly remodeled, huge, W/D, basement~~	~~H~~
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
8	3	814 10th Street	$1,420	$178	$1,780	$223	Great house, recently remodeled, large rooms, washer/dryer	D
8	2.5	121 12th Avenue West	$1,600	$200	$1,900	$238	Large bedrooms, 2 washers/dryers, VERY close to campus	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	$1,840	$230	$2,140	$268	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H
~~10~~	~~3~~	~~1609 6th Street~~	~~$1,600~~	~~$160~~	~~$1,900~~	~~$190~~	~~Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, parking~~	~~H~~
~~12~~	~~4~~	~~115 17th Ave West~~	~~$2,530~~	~~$211~~	~~$3,060~~	~~$255~~	~~Large house, big rooms, 2 W/D's, porch, garage, parking~~	~~H~~

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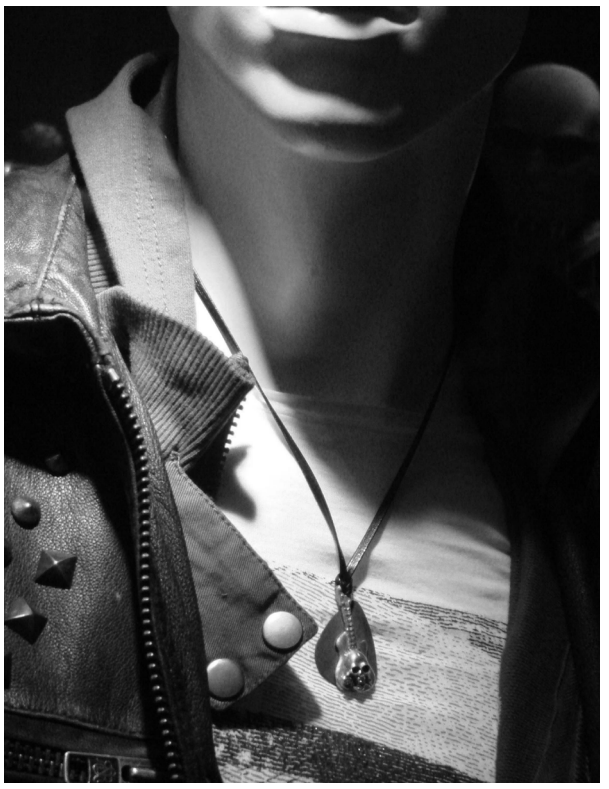
Emily Janssen
Staff Writer

Whether fashionably devout or resistant to the norm, certain students on campus stand out for their stylish swagger. Though their boldness already gets them recognized on a daily basis, their confidence deserves a little print and press. And who doesn't wonder about the idea behind the statement? Thus begins a column of interviews with the flashiest, smartest or most extreme dressers at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Everyone, meet Bryan Angeles, a Fashion Marketing senior on campus, subtly changing the way students understand flair, one European-styled scarf at a time.

Where do you find inspiration for your daily style?

My style varies every day. I enjoy being versatile and doing new and different things. Mostly, I like having fun. I like subtle but flashy, plain yet intricate and trendy nevertheless classic.



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What does your clothing tell the world about your personality?

A lot of people say I have a "fuck you" type of attitude, meaning I don't care what or how you think I look, or how I should look. My style is my style, and I am confident about it. If someone doesn't like my style, they don't have to wear what I'm wearing. In fact, I'd prefer them not to.

What do you think about the clothing style of UW-Stout students as a whole?

For the most part a lot of people blend in. Conservative is usually the case. Less is more. I don't think I "dress up" for class, but I feel that I should at least look a little bit cleaned up. I can't "wake up" unless I get out of my PJs or what have you.

What is your best fashion advice?

Be yourself. It's about confidence. Don't worry so much about what others think; more importantly, what do you think?

What does your personal style do for your life?

I don't think I dress too conspicuously, but then again, a lot of people say I am noticeable. My style says a lot about me without using words.

How do you see fashion in your future?

A product representative for a bigger name would be a nice position. I met with some Chanel and Oscar de la Renta among other product representatives through my internship. I like the idea of traveling, working with people and selling but not having to sell clothing. Product representatives are informants rather than traditional sales people.

Flock to the Waterfront

Experience The Ragbirds

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

From The Ragbirds press release: These 20-something musicians combine genres as diverse as Celtic, Afro-Cuban, Reggae, rock and folk, while maintaining a familiar element of pop music, leaving one dumbfounded when asked to pin their style down to a single word or concept. They utilize an arsenal of instruments including violin, mandolin, banjo, accordion, kalimba and various hand drums. One of the most popular touring bands in their home state of Michigan, The Ragbirds have logged over 100 shows per year in more than 15 states, and are now promoting ecological awareness by touring in a van powered on waste vegetable oil. They have performed at many major music festivals and have shared billing with a slew of national touring artists. Zindle, the lead vocalist, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, will be bringing her eclectic blend of high-energy music to Menomonie next Friday. The band will be appearing on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Waterfront. This show is the third show on The Ragbirds' "Mountain Migration Tour," which will take the band all the way to Colorado and back.

For more information on The Ragbirds, call 734-507-1649 or visit http://www.myspace.com/theragbirds for show information and to hear a sample of their music, including the song "Tipi Baya."



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Bat Company

So were you able to find all the bats in our last issue? Well if you counted 21 bats, then you found them all! Maybe a career in vermin extermination is up your alley.

STOUTONIA's Pumpkin Impalement Results

CONTEST WINNER:
- Dane Hodges

Honorable mention for impaling one pumpkin:
- Nathan Netterlund
- Beth Steigauf

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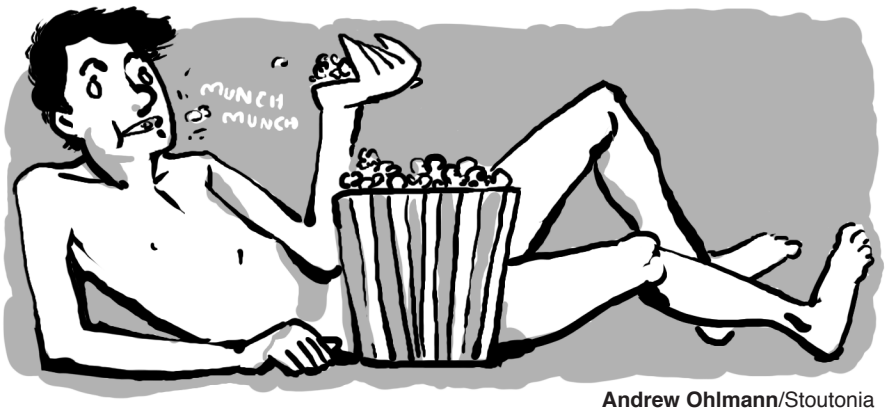
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More movies in the nude

Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

With Halloween just days away, the time has never been better to dust off some scary-movie classics and settle in for a long night of blood, guts, and nightmares. Below are some of the best (and worst) scary movies out there. Whatever your poision, don't forget the popcorn and a nightlight!



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

Children of the Corn

Talk about scary religious films! In this movie, children in the tiny farming town of Gatlin, Nebraska have been persuaded by a strange boy named Isaac that they must kill all of the adults in the town. Isaac speaks to them using the words of the leader, which is something bad (perhaps a devil?) that lurks in the corn fields. When members of the town turn 18, they are killed. This film will surely make you scared of little children with scythes (that farming tool that has little use apart from old-time harvesting and horror), if nothing else. The special effects are a bit cheesy, but hey, it was 1984, give the movie a break. This adaption of a Steven King short story is sure to thrill.

Rating:



Beetle Juice

Tim Burton strikes again to deliver my favorite film of all time. A conservative couple, Adam (Alec Baldwin when he was a skinny guy) and Barbara (Geena Davis before she rode off the side of the Grand Canyon in "Thelma and Louise"), drown after a car crash but find out that they have to live in their house in Connecticut for 125 years. Unfortunately for the couple, the new owners of the house are from New York City and are nothing like them. They only like the couple's daughter, Lydia (Winona Ryder, pre-shoplifting days), who calls herself "strange and unusual." Adam and Barbara want them out of the house and resort to help that is a little unorthodox. Beetlegeuse (pre-Batman Michael Keaton), the rude bio-exorcist who they recruit, turns out to be a bad choice. You can only get rid of him if you say his name three times. "Beetlegeuse, Beetlegeuse, Beetle-!"

Rating:



The Shining

"All work and no play" makes for Jack Nicolson's scariest movie. Written by Steven King, this one is actually a pee-your-pants-it's-that-creepy film. In "The Shining," a writer, Jack Torrance (Nicolson), and his family are paid to move into a haunted hotel for the winter (the hotel's off-season). At first, it seems like the perfect idea, with the beautiful, spacious rooms and gigantic yard in the mountains, but then the hotel's ghosts start convincing Jack to kill his wife and son. Things obviously start going downhill from there for them. With rivers of blood flowing through the hallways and creepy ghost twins (child ghosts are definitely the creepiest ghosts), this film will make your next hotel stay quite horrid.

Rating:



The Sixth Sense

One of M. Night Shyamalan's only good movies, "The Sixth Sense" delivers an ending with a twist so bizarre, the rest of the movie seems normal. Bruce Willis stars as Dr. Malcolm Crowe, a psychologist with marital problems who starts work with Cole (Haley Joel Osment), who is a cute kid labeled as weird just because he's got a random patch of white hair. Oh, he sees dead people, too. Did you know that? Yes, you did. EVERYONE knows that. Anyhow, this film is definitely great the first few times, with horror scenes that will make you anxiously hold your breath, but after that, you already know exactly what's going to happen and you're like, "let's watch 'Save the Last Dance.'"

Rating:



Any movie that is based around dancing competitions, i.e. "Save the Last Dance"

These movies are truly horrifying and gruesome if anyone ever holds you down and forces you to watch them. My friend David made a basic plotline for these movies. First, there is a lead character whose primary caregiver dies in a terrible tragedy. Then they have to move to an inner-city school and it is really hard because racial lines are so strong. So, what you need to know about inner-city schools right now is that there is always one person who is way more socially-advanced than everyone else and sees people for their inner selves. Then the lead character meets someone of the opposite sex whom he/she doesn't like at first, but then that person helps awaken what had died after the tragedy. Then the person starts to dance again, and did I tell you that before the accident, the person was a really good ballet dancer? Anyway, the person of the opposite sex is also a really good dancer and, naturally, their two styles fuse and they are able to bring new light to an elegant and somewhat rigid community. So, long story short, the lead gets into Juilliard.

Ah, gag me!

Rating:



Warning: some of these movies may bring about the need for some garlic and a wooden stake-- for keeping away more than just your next door neighbor.

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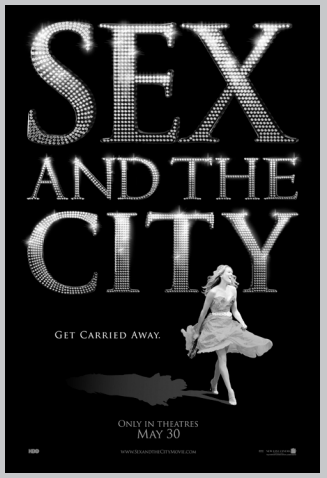
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From love between Big and Carrie to movies that are much more scary

Ileah Midthun
Entertainment Writer



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Sex and the City: The Movie

This movie is not for the general audience. For those with an abundance of estrogen on the other hand, this is definitely the movie for you. I have yet to meet a girl who has not been "carried away" by this movie, no matter her age.

For everyone who has kept up with the numerous seasons of "Sex and the City," this movie was a welcome addition for the fans. If it isn't the witty dialogue or the numerous designer wedding dresses featured, then it has to be the emotional rollercoaster it takes you on.

The movie starts out as a recap of the series, then elaborates on what the different women are doing afterwards. The plot is full of friendship, love and self-devotion. There are scenes that make you want to cry and there are scenes that make you want to scream out in happiness. No matter what emotion it is, you will be guaranteed to feel it at least once throughout the movie.

The only shortcoming is the length. It is a whopping two and a half hours long. Even the die-hard followers of the series find themselves getting restless about an hour and a half in. All I can say is just make sure you have at least an afternoon to enjoy this masterpiece with your friends.

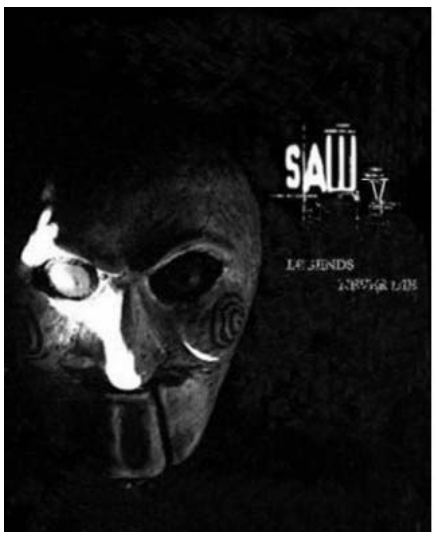
There is so much going on in each of the women's lives, there is always something that keeps your interest. There's a wedding, a pregnancy, a trip to Mexico, an ended relationship and of course sex. This movie will definitely make you feel like you should give your best friend a giant hug the next time you see her.

It is full of fashion as well, which also makes it fun to watch. Living in Menomonie, Wis. sometimes feels like living under a rock. With this movie it feels like you are in New York City for a short time, which is refreshing. It is quite easy to get caught up in it as well. Their wardrobes are also fun to see because of the different fashions and ideas that each of the women have because they each have such different styles.

Whether you've seen every episode of the series or have never seen an episode, this is a good pick for anyone who is capable of watching a two and a half hour movie and has a soft spot for chick flicks.

Rating: 9/10

AJ Forst and Katie Lucas
Stoutonia Staff



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Saw V

"Saw V" is like all the other "Saw" movies. An old man dying of cancer decides to deal justice and rehabilitate bad people. Old Man, who is referred to as Jigsaw in the movies, thinks the justice system doesn't work properly and needs a hobby, so he makes contraptions that are designed to kill these people in meaningful ways (in ways that shows how wrong they were) unless they have enough desire to live and change their ways.

This movie involved the cops trying to find Jigsaw once again. However, Jigsaw is thought to be dead, and yet the games of death continue. Does Jigsaw have another accomplice? Watch the movie and find out. Yes, he does.

A.J.: This was even more boring than the previous four. The only good "Saw" movie is the first one. The rest are consecutively worse. The only reason to watch these movies are for the cool contraptions used to kill people.

This movie, as previously mentioned, had people guilty of wrongs against humanity being put through the games of death. However, Jigsaw, must have run out of really bad people because the new people's crimes ranged from a guy not writing a story for a tabloid to a woman doing an immoral favor for her father – crimes not normally associated with the punishment of a likely death.

The ending was like every other "Saw" ending as well. It showed a lot of mysterious-looking random clips of events that happened throughout the movie to show there was more to it. The point is that they're making another "Saw," unfortunately.

If the movies would stick with making Rube Goldberg-style machines-o-death, I'd give them at least a six out of 10 for fun, clever ways of destroying people. Unfortunately, the boring cop drama drags it down quite a bit.

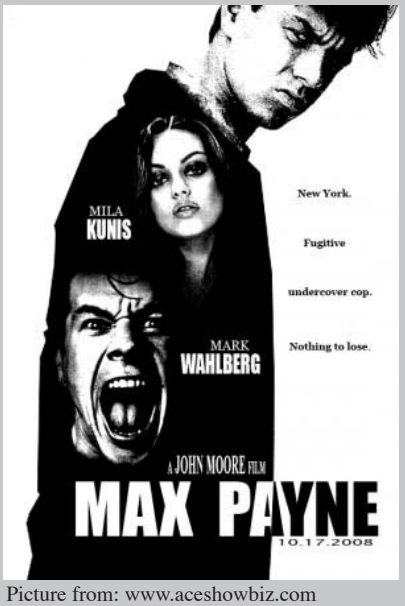
Katie:Based on the capabilities of previous "Saw" movies, this one was a letdown. It didn't have any twists, no psychological terror. The ending attempted a twist, but failed to live up to my expectations. The previous "Saw" movies were at least interesting, which is a lot more than I can say about this one. The only thing that happened in the movie were some creative ideas on how to "rehabilitate" people. There wasn't a real point to it, but it did push the plot of the series further by setting up an actual storyline for the sixth movie. It seemed to be made as a transitional movie rather than a fulfilling horror film.

You probably need to see all four of the previous "Saw" movies to appreciate the fifth one. And you will probably need to see the fifth one to understand the upcoming sixth one. My advice is to rent "Saw V" when it comes out to satisfy your curiosity. Otherwise, don't bother to see it. The series has run out of steam.

If you want to see a truly scary Halloween movie, don't go to "Saw V" unless you really want to see the new death contraptions or want to be bored.

Rating: 4.5/10

AJ Forst and Katie Lucas
Stoutonia Staff



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Max Payne

Detective Max Payne (Mark Wahlberg) is determined to avenge the murder of his wife and baby daughter. Mona Sax (Mila Kunis) is an assassin or something tracking down the murderer of her sister. The two come together in an attempt to find out who killed their loved ones.

A.J.: This isn't your average revenge movie, it's just average. There are two audiences who will watch this movie: those who are familiar with the "Max Payne" video games and the story behind them, and those who aren't. I will be reviewing from the point of view of someone who has played and likes the games, and Katie will be reviewing from the point of view of someone who didn't know the video games exist.

Unlike most revenge stories, "Max Payne" isn't about anger. It's about despair.

The story was simplified for the PG-13 audience for which it was intended. There were barely any plot twists, and all the characters were recycled from other movies.

Mark Wahlberg plays a good tough guy. He's got the street cred. Watch his "Good Vibrations" YouTube video sometime. He's completely gangster. This movie, however, didn't require a tough guy. It required a more normal guy who felt like he had nothing to lose. A relatively no-name actor would have been just fine.

The main problem with this movie is that Max Payne's motivations weren't explained until halfway through the movie. Those unfamiliar with why he's all gloomy in the first place probably found themselves wondering why he's glaring all the time (other than the fact that it's Wahlberg's only facial expression).

For these reasons, the movie was mediocre at best, an abomination to those who liked the video games at worst.

Katie: Mila Kunis did a good job of shedding her stuck-up persona from "That '70s Show." On the other hand, I'll always picture Mark Wahlberg as Marky Mark in those tighty-whities- and that's just the way I like it.

There is a very important lesson to be learned in this movie: don't do drugs. It was less of a passionate revenge film and more of an anti-drug campaign. There wasn't much of an attempt to connect the audience with the characters, so the plot seemed cheesy rather than powerful. However, the cinematography was really well thought-out and effective, perhaps more effective than the script itself.

So if you like the games, the movie sucks. If you've never heard of the games, the movie is worth a watch. There's still hope for video game fans. An independent "Max Payne" movie is being made that is said to be much truer to the games.

Rating: 6/10

Dance the line

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

On Tuesday nights in the main room of Menomonie Moose Lodge, music can be heard playing from stereos, mixed with the rhythmic stepping of Pollie Evans' line dancing class. The group that gathers here ranges in age from 15-70 and talent from beginners to experienced. For one Tuesday night, this writer and former non-dancer joined the ranks of the line dance class and made an attempt to dance in a line, if even it was just a bit crooked.

Upon arrival, it was striking how friendly this group is. As community members of Menomonie, they have a different view of the city and an appreciation for this area. It was exciting to hear stories from a point of view other than what is common in student life.

It was also amazing how many professed fellow "non-dancers" were also in attendance at this class. Being a part of a group of people with proclaimed little knowledge of dancing and sense of rhythm created an instant comfort zone. There would be no judgment here—only the joy of dancing, and helpful line dance advice.

As the music started, first at country and then to an upbeat pop remix, it was amazing how simple the dances really could be. Each dance was taken literally a step at a time, and best of all, the moves were much easier than they looked. This being said, there was still some tripping, some missed steps and a lot of laughing at silly mistakes. This was of no matter, however. It didn't matter if stepping was on beat or not—as long as fun and dancing was going on, it was all the same.

Evans, the instructor, has been dancing since the early 90s. Her mission with this class is to keep it fun and easy and to let it be a great mental and physical exercise. With as much stress as most students are seeing these days, line dancing is the perfect start to finding some relief from the wear of every day matters.

For those looking for a more intense challenge, Evans also teaches ballroom dancing. With a partner and just a little bit of bravery, ballroom dancing can become an incredible venture.

Above all, the moral of the story is to go for it! Don't worry about ability, talent or experience. Go with a sense of humor and learn a thing or two about dancing. After all, if this two left-footed writer can manage and enjoy it, you certainly can too!

Location: Moose Lodge, 720 19th Ave. East, near Lammer's Food Fest
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 6:30-7:30 beginners, dance till 9
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For info: Call the instructor, Pollie Evans at (715) 772-4510, or email: polliedance@gmail.com

Legacy Chocolates vs. Cravings

Ileah Midthun
Staff Writer

For those of us with a sweet tooth we know how important the quality of the confection is. It could be the difference between a satisfied craving or one unhappy chocoholic, which is never a good thing. Knowing this, comparing and contrasting the two main sweet shops in town seemed like a good idea, to inform all of the curious sweet tooths out there.

It's no wonder Legacy Chocolates' motto is "peace, love and happiness... one truffle at a time." I couldn't have said it better. Not only do they have a wide assortment of chocolate truffles, but they also serve coffee and specialty brownies that are to die for. Their truffle variety consists of different darknesses of chocolate, so everyone is happy no matter what they are in the mood for. They also have a variety of flavors that can be very traditional such as caramel and pecan or flavors that will take you for a walk on the wild side like a "high class broad." They are decently priced and you will always walk away with your sweet tooth satisfied. They are located on 643 South Broadway right across from State Cinema. You can go online and check them out at www.legacychocolates.com or call them at (715) 231-2580.

Cravings, on the other hand, offers exactly what their name states. They have almost anything under the sun that anyone could be craving at any given time. Not only do they offer coffee and sweets like cheesecake, pie and homemade doughnuts, but they also offer a full cheese and bread bar and take-and-bake pizzas. No matter what your desire they likely have it. They also have a wide variety of beverages including Jones soda. They are located on 1320 N. Broadway, Suite 1, across from Taco Bell. You can check them out at www.cravingsstore.com or give them a call at (715) 231-2222.

So in order to be completely satisfied, taste bud wise, in Menomonie Wis., all you have to know is what you want and where you go to get it. It is that simple! So next time you feel that groaning pain inside of your stomach, telling you that you *need* sugar, jump in the car, hop on your bike or tie up your walkin' shoes, grab a friend and get on over to satisfy that pain.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor"



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What we can continue to learn from Fred Rogers

Mallory Morris
Staff Writer

On Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., a number of students and teachers from the School of Education, as well as various others, had the pleasure of seeing Hedda B. Sharapan speak at the Mabel Tainter Theatre.

The student organizations for School Counseling and Family and Consumer Science also planned and held a sweater drive in Fred Rogers' name and the collected sweaters will be donated to a local shelter. Prior to delivery at the shelter, O'Meara Dry Cleaners has generously offered to dry-clean all donated sweaters.

Sharapan spent many years working with the beloved Fred Rogers as the associate producer of Mister Roger's Neighborhood. She gave an uplifting presentation, including various clips of memorable moments on Mister Rogers' Neighborhood and talked about how Mister Rogers' important messages to children were always timeless and heartfelt. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood never got top ratings but with Fred Rogers' good-natured persistence, including one memorable appearance before Congress to secure funding for public television, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was able to record new episodes and stay on the air for a healthy 30 years.

It was a sad day when Fred Rogers passed away in recent years. There are no new episodes of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and out of the some 900 episodes, there are only reruns of the show once a week or sometimes not at all. Sadly, Mister Rogers' important messages for children are more and more replaced by violent and inappropriate cartoons. If you, like me, watched and learned from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood as a kid and want to make sure that children of future generations will benefit from the wonderful lessons he taught us, visit ww.fci.com and www.savemisterrogers.com and contact PBS to keep Mister Rogers' Neighborhood in syndication. Sharapan's presentation on the gentle and thoughtful lessons taught by Fred Rogers inspired me to make sure that, in the future, my children will be able to watch Mister Rogers' Neighborhood every day.

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Hockey team starts season where they left off

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Coming off a season that was filled with accolades, the Blue Devils men's hockey team is looking to build on the momentum from last season that included their first National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament bid. Not only did they reach the tournament but they made a deep run before losing to the eventual champions, St. Norbert's of De Pere, Wis. who finished at an astounding 27-1-4.

While it is always difficult to improve upon a successful season, like the 18-9-3 record that the University of Wisconsin-Stout achieved last year, the expectations are high due to a roster that is returning two All-Americans and countless previous letter winners. The roster is also a very diverse one with several of the players hailing from other countries such as Sweden and several different provinces in Canada. Seven states other than Wisconsin are being represented by various members of the UW-Stout roster.

The various backgrounds and playing experiences that are possessed by this year's hockey team will allow it to adapt to differing situations.

Since each player has an attribute that is unique to them, the team will have an unsung luxury in knowing that they can cope in any scenario because no deficit will be too great for them to overcome.

Among the key players returning this season are forward Derek Hanson and defenseman Jack Wolgemuth.

These were the two players previously mentioned who had garnered All-American honors from the season before. Hanson is the Blue Devils returning scorer with 42 points, 22 goals and 20 assists. He also holds the claim of most power-play goals in the NCAA last year with 13. Wolgemuth, the offensive-minded defenseman, returns after scoring 30 points last year (high amongst UW-Stout defensemen).

His 23 assists led the team and each year he plays his point total increases while his penalties and minutes spent in the sin-bin decrease. Returning behind the net is Matt Koenig who posted a career high for save percentage (.902). He will be looking to improve upon his career 23-10-2 record when he starts at goalie.

With the season's first two games under their belt, the Blue Devils now have a 2-0-0 record to build on after victories over Concordia University and Marian College. Against Concordia, Derek Hanson displayed his scoring prowess as he notched a hat-trick. All three of those goals would be needed to defeat Concordia as UW-Stout fell into an early 2-0 deficit.

Solid defense and team chemistry was just the remedy required to shutdown Concordia for the duration of the game as the UW-Stout offense exploded for 67 shots compared to 15 for Concordia.

What seems to be a recurring theme, at least in the first two games of the season, is playing from behind. While most teams prefer to play with a lead, it is almost an inevitability that your team must play from behind at some point in the season. The real question is whether or not your team can overcome those deficits and snatch victory away from their unsuspecting opponent.

That question now has been answered two games in a row as UW-Stout again came from an early deficit to snare the win. Facing a 1-0 hole early in the second period, freshman Joel Whited and Matt Morin set up Nick Clarin with several spot-on passes that he eventually placed in the back of the net to tie the game at one goal apiece. The scoring wasn't done yet.

Clarin got into the assist mix with Whited and they hooked up with Jeff Wheeler to give UW-Stout a 2-1 lead midway through the third period. A power play goal by none other than Derek Hanson gave the Blue Devils the goals they needed to hold on to a 3-2 victory of Marian College. Matt Koenig collected the win after stopping 24 shots.

The Blue Devils take their show on the road for a three game road trip that includes two stops in the Twin Cities to face Augsburg College and Hamline University before traveling to the north shore to battle Northland College before finally returning to the friendly confines of Dunn County Ice Arena to square off against Gustavus Adolphus College.



Photographed by Bruce DeMorrow
UW-Stout Senior goalie Matt Koenig bats away a Marian University shot.



Craig Warminski

This five-foot ten-inch 200-pound freshman running back from Stanley, Wis. is a packaging major.

On Oct. 25, Warminski had a game unseen by a University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devil player in half a decade. He was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference player of the week and was also named to the D2football.com team of the week for his performance against UW-River Falls. Warminski carried the ball 28 times for a total of 250 yards. He also tied a school record with four touchdowns in a single game.

It was in the third quarter where Warminski shined, amassing 104 yards and two touchdowns that put UW-Stout ahead 22-6. The Blue Devils defeated UW-River Falls 29-19. Warminski's performance was the first 200-yard rushing game for a Blue Devil running back since the 2003 season.

The Blue Devils football team plays its next game at home against UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m.



Minnesota Wild and crazy kids

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

True to form, the Minnesota Wild have started the 2008-2009 season in stellar fashion, having yet to lose a game in regulation. Their record of 6-0-1 is eerily similar to their record to begin last season which was 7-0-1.

The victories as of late have been coming without help from the face of the franchise, Marian Gaborik. The injury-prone Gaborik has been placed on the injured reserve list with a lower body injury, and his future with the Wild is uncertain. He is being shopped around the league in hopes of a trade.

Current captain Mikko Koivu has filled the void left by Gaborik and then some. Koivu is tied for the league lead in assists with 12 and has also tallied one goal. Newcomer Antti Miettinen is the team leader in goals with six and Andrew Brunette is second with three. These three players make up the most productive line for the Wild and have been a huge part of this team's success.

Another reason the Wild is leading the Northwest Division is the fact that they are 100 percent on their penalty killing.

They have allowed zero goals on opposing teams' power-plays while scoring eight power-play goals of their own. When this statistic was brought up to coach Jacques Lemaire he simply said "no comment" as to not jinx their success.

Nicklas Backstrom is the key to any penalty kill; he has started in net for all seven games and is among the top five in the league for save percentage at .932. The Wild will play in Dallas on Oct. 29 before returning home to face the Canadians on Thursday, Oct. 30.

Homecoming loss leads to River Falls romp

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For the 2008 Homecoming game the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils took on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference match up that was arguably their toughest match-up they have to face this season.

The stage was set for a solid football game as the weather was perfect with minimal wind. UW-Stout was coming off its first conference loss at home and was looking to avoid a two-game losing streak at Williams Stadium.

This streak, however, was inevitable once the rain storm of yellow flags began to hail down from the sky. The Blue Devils forfeited 147 yards due to their lack of discipline and it didn't help that the UW-Stevens Point defense was playing shut down football.

The first quarter of action was rather uneventful as UW-Stout went three and out on its opening possession. UW-Stevens Point tried to do something with the ball but missed a field goal midway through the quarter. No scoring took place, but as the second quarter began, the Pointers had been driving down field and this time their kicker Ryan Graboski put the ball through the uprights from 38 yards out, giving UW-Stevens Point a 3-0 lead.

The rest of the second quarter was about as exciting and punt-filled as the first was. Both teams seemed to make the stops when it mattered and UW-Stout actually managed a chance for a field goal but a long attempt of 56 yards by Kyle Martin fell short of the cross bar and the Pointers knelt the ball when they retained possession. Both teams headed into the locker room with UW-Stevens Point holding onto a 3-0 lead.

The third quarter was essentially the cream on the cake for UW-Stevens Point as it scored 16 unanswered points to give it a 19-0 lead. Quarterback Jared Beckwith played a large part in the Pointers offensive outburst as he threw touchdown passes of nine and 16 yards.

The additional four points were provided by two extra point kicks and an intentional grounding penalty called against UW-Stout in the end zone that resulted in a safety.

A shut was avoided just as the last quarter began when Trevor Fiege bull-rushed his man straight into the ball on a UW-Stevens Point punt. The ball then deflected off of the Pointer back out of the back of the end zone for the second safety of the day and a 19-point deficit was reduced to 17. Following the safety, the Blue Devils got the ball back and took just one play to get on the scoreboard.

Kyle Provos hooked up with deep threat Eric Cieslak, who is averaging nearly 20 yards a catch, for a 38-yard touchdown, which was his third of the year. Seeing that UW-Stout had a little fire left and there was still enough time in the game for a comeback, the Pointers buckled down and put out that fire. A few punts and an interception later, all the Pointers needed to do was kneel the ball down to hold onto a 19-9 victory.

Following a two-game losing streak that could have been avoided, the Blue Devils looked at their next game against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls as a must-win. Not only were they looking to snap their losing streak but they had to do it on the road, a daunting task for any team backed into a corner.

The Blue Devils were more than up to the task as they used this game to make a statement. There were two stars shining bright that cloudy afternoon for UW-Stout as running back Craig Warminski ran for 250 yards and a school record tying four touchdowns, and defensive end Marcus Ball gathered three-and-a-half sacks and two forced fumbles. The active day in the backfield for Ball helped him build his conference leading sack total to eight for the season.

Since Warminski would score four times in the day, it was a little unusual that the first quarter was scoreless. The UW-River Falls offense featured senior quarterback Storm Harmon but even though the clouds were not visible, and it looked like it could Storm, there would be no such letdown as he was harassed in the backfield all day long, taking five sacks and throwing an interception.

Entering the second quarter, Warminski had warmed up as he accounted for 67 of the team's 80 yards on its first scoring drive of the afternoon, which resulted in a nine-yard scamper for six by Warminski. A two-point pass from Provos to Patrick Menglekoch gave UW-Stout a nice 8-0 halfway through the second quarter. River Falls wasn't one to back down though, marching into the end zone on a 22-yard scramble from quarterback Storm Harmon.



Photographed by Bruce DeMorrow
UW-Stout freshman Trevor Fiege picks up a fumble against UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 18.

They attempted to tie the game at eight but Harmon was stopped short of the goal line and UW-Stout still led 8-6. That was the last of the scoring for the first half but an additional highlight was another blocked punt on the season and this time it was defensive back Adam Churchill getting his mitts on the ball.

UW-Stout received the ball to open up the second half and went back to what worked as they fed Warminski the ball all the way to his second touchdown run of the day from four yards out.

As UW-River Falls got the ball back, they tried to come up with an answer for the unstoppable running of Warminski, but instead went three and out. The next Blue Devils drive was all about the ground game as Provos offered up an 18-yard scramble of his own but was outdone as Warminski took a handoff up the gut and 49 yards later he was in the end zone for his third score of the afternoon.

With a senior quarterback under center, UW-River Falls didn't feel too worried about their large deficit as the Falcons resorted to a passing game. Harmon hit receiver Michael Woodward deep for a 40-yard score on the ensuing drive but they were still unable to convert the two-point conversion and trailed 22-12.

With their second possession in the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils decided it was time to put the game away and who better to finish the game than their offensive star of the game, Warminski. All it took was three consecutive carries for Warminski to hit pay dirt for the fourth time of the day.

UW-River Falls was able to respond to that scoring drive with a two yard touchdown run but it was all the points they would be able to muster as the 29-19 score would prove to be the final.

A last ditch attempt by the Falcons was snuffed out when Scott Riha stripped Harmon and recovered the ball to end the game. The 250 yards by Warminski was the first 200-yard game by a UW-Stout running back since 2003 and 104 of those yards came in the third quarter alone.

The Blue Devils will host the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. and then will face the sixth-ranked University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in Whitewater Wisconsin at noon on Nov. 8. For their efforts against UW-River Falls, Warminski and Ball were each awarded the WIAC player of the week award.

Women's cross country team prepares for WIAC Championship

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's cross-country team is preparing for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship on Nov. 1.

UW-Stout finished fourth of five on Oct. 24 at the Lake Wissota Invitational in Jim Falls. Stenzel finished 15th with a time of 19:32. Junior Karla Kultgen finished with a time 19:54. Freshman Leah Hauck finished with 20:02 to come in 24th place. All Blue Devil runners finished in the top 55.

The Blue Devils ran in the Tori Neubauer Invitational on Oct. 18 and finished 20 of 25. Freshman Alexa Ahler and sophomore Angie Raasch led the pack. Ahler finished 88th with a time of 23:42.30. Raasch finished 132nd in a time of 24:12.20. Sophomore Emily Stenzel finished 145th in 24:19.50.

The team will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships on Nov. 1. The race will begin at 1 p.m. The top runners from the WIAC championships will move on to compete at the National Collegiate Athletic Association regionals on Nov. 15. Top runners from the regional will compete on Nov. 22 in the NCAA championships.

Up-and-down season for Blue Devils soccer team

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

In what has proved to be an up-and-down season for the women's soccer team, at least it can rely on the consistency that exists at its home field, Nelson Field. With a cumulative record of 6-9-3, the Blue Devils are an impressive 5-1-1 at home with their first loss coming just recently against non-conference foe the College of St. Benedicts.

The loss to St. Benedicts was the last loss of a three-game losing streak which also included two close, hard-fought battles between conference rivals the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. The untimely losing streak came to an end when the Cardinals of St. Mary's University came into Menomonie to suffer a 5-1 thrashing by a suddenly-reborn University of Wisconsin-Stout offensive attack.

In an important match-up with the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds, the UW-Stout offense couldn't find an answer for a pair of late goals and a suffocating defense that only allowed two shots on goal. Taylor Randle was saddled with the loss after facing 10 shots and stopping two.

The second game of their conference road trip brought the Blue Devils to UW-Whitewater where they faced the third place Warhawks. The first half of play was quite promising as leading scorer Jessica Price netted yet another goal to put her team up 1-0.

They held this lead all the way until the halftime intermission but it would be short-lived. Just three minutes into the second period, the Warhawks responded with a goal of their own to tie up the game at one point apiece. The winning goal would be scored by UW-Whitewater in the 69th minute of the game. Randle again was held responsible for the loss, her second straight defeat.

What was a back-and-forth skirmish between UW-Stout and St. Benedict's also ended up being the first home loss for the Blue Devils this season. To remain undefeated at home this late in the season is nothing short of a great accomplishment.

The Blue Devils struck first with a goal by Ali Stonesby in just the seventh minute of the game. St. Benedict was undeterred by this first round of scoring by UW-Stout and produced two goals of its own, the second coming in the final minute after deflecting off of the goal post. Heading into the second half, down 2-1, the Blue Devils understood that they must maintain composure if a come-from-behind win was going to be earned.

Kaitlin Arjes followed Stonesby's lead by responding with an early period goal of her own when she beat St. Benedict's goalie on a penalty kick.

The goal proved to be UW-Stout's last as the Blazers' defense tightened up and its offense scored the winning goal with 18 minutes remaining. In the goal for the Blue Devils was Jessica Halverson who turned away 10 shots but was ultimately the losing goalie in a hard-fought effort.

If something could be defined as the ideal victory for the Blue Devils, the match-up against St. Mary's University is the perfect example of a team running on all cylinders. In the 5-1 victory, Jessica Price added to her team-leading scoring total with two goals and an assist. Katie Ness added her fifth goal and Holli Swisher scored her first goal of the season.

Also adding to the scoring fray was Cassie Palokangas who picked up her second goal of the season. The team's defense played an excellent game that only allowed the St. Mary offense to get off eight shots, three of which were stopped by goalie Taylor Randle.

A shutout for Randle looked like a sure thing as the Blue Devils clung to a 5-0 lead late in the game, but the Cardinals' Marie Allen snuck the ball past Randle for the only goal of the night.

The Blue Devils will finish their regular season against Hamline University on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament starts on the first of November and the Blue Devils are on the cusp of hosting their opening round game.

All that needs to happen is for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to beat the University Wisconsin-La Crosse to set up a game at Nelson Field for the quarterfinals. If UW-La Crosse does win, then UW-Stout will take the trip down to La Crosse to open up the tournament. Both teams played to a scoreless tie earlier in the season.



Photgraphed by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout sophomore Kaitlin Arjes scores a goal against St. Benedict on Oct. 19. The Blue Devils won the game 3-2.

Women's volleyball snaps seven game losing streak

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds shut out the Blue Devils with scores of 25-12, 25-7 and 25-21. Senior Maggie Meixl recorded nine kills and two solo blocks on Oct 15.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville defeated the Blue Devils on Oct. 17 losing three sets to one. Swanson recorded a season high of 18 kills.

The Pioneers won with scores of 25-22, 18-25, 25-21, and 25-14. Swanson recorded seven kills just in the third set alone. Nichols added in 11 kills. Olson had three solo blocks and four block assists.

The Blue Devils weren't able to pull out a close win on Oct. 18 to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles with a score of 3-2. The Blue Devils won the first set 25-22 but UW-La Crosse came back to take the next two sets 25-23 and 25-22.

The Blue Devils came back to tie it up winning the fourth set 25-22. In the final set UW-La Crosse pulled out the win with a score of 15-12.

Meixl led both teams with 19 kills, three solo blocks and five block assists. Swanson and freshman Jamie Olson each had 13 kills and Nichols had 10 kills.
In their final home game of the season the

Blue Devils couldn't pull out a victory, losing to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Oct. 22.

The Blue Devils were able to win the first set 25-22 but couldn't pull it off in the next three sets with scores of 25-12, 25-23 and 25-10. Nichols had 13 kills.

In the first day of the tournament the Blue Devils met Central College and lost in four sets with scores of 25-20, 25-16, 21-25 and 25-18.

In their first match of the tournament UW-Stout saw Millikin University and lost with 25-21, 25-17 and 25-18. Swanson led UW-Stout with 10 kills and Mizer had 20 digs.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's volleyball was finally able to break a seven-game losing streak with a win on Oct. 25 against Grinnell College in the final match of the Central College Invitational.

The Blue Devils pulled off a win in three matches with scores of 25-17, 25-27and 25-14. J match with five aces. Meixl had two solo blocks and two block assists.

Earlier in the day UW-Stout lost to Augustana College in four sets 25-16, 25-19, 17-25 and 25-17. Meixl had three solo blocks and three block assists. Junior Alicia Mizer had 16 digs.

The Blue Devils will travel to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Nov. 1 to close out the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference season.

The Blue Devils will face Augustana College the same day. Then they will begin the WIAC tournament on Nov. 4 at UW-Eau Claire.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Hockey

Hockey Record: 2-0

The Blue Devils hockey team is off to a great start, defeating both of their first two opponents. On Saturday, Oct. 25, UW-Stout accomplished a come-from-behind win against Marian University. UW-Stout junior Derek Hanson is leading the team with four goals in two games. Hanson eventually recorded the game-winning goal against Marian University. Hansen was recently named the WIAC hockey player of the week.

Next games: (Away) against Augsburg College on Friday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. (Away) against Hamline University on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Record: 6-10-3

The UW-Stout women's soccer team has rallied back from a three-game losing streak and flipped the script by making a two-game winning streak of their own. They, however, were unable to continue the streak when they lost to Hamline University 1-0, on Wednesday Oct. 28. Hamline outshot UW-Stout 18-13 in the game. The Blue Devils move into conference tournament play this weekend when they face off against UW-La Crosse.

Next game: (Away) against UW-La Crosse in the WIAC Quarterfinals on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m.



Blue Devil Football

Record: 4-3

The Blue Devils football team bounced back from a 19-9 loss to UW-Stevens Point when it went on to beat UW-River Falls 29-19 the following weekend. Craig Warminski was UW-Stout's player of the game. He amassed 250 yards rushing and four touchdowns on a mere 28 carries. His performance marked the first 200-yard rushing game for a Blue Devil running back since the 2003 season.

Next game: (Home) against UW-La Crosse on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m.

Hockey team begins season undefeated, Craig Warminski amasses 250 yards rushing and four touchdowns in road victory over UW-River Falls

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Friday, October 31 – Halloween

Body, Mind, and Spirit Conference
until Nov. 2
Cost: full conference $165
8 a.m. on Oct. 31 – 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 2
MSC, UW-Stout Campus

Retirement of LaMont Meinen
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Tuesday, November 4 – Election Day

Job Searching Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Sport Lead Climbing Class
Cost: $5 non-members/ free members
7 p.m.
Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Kayak Deep Water Safety
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Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, November 5

Resumes and Cover Letters Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Thursday, November 6

2008 Training and Development Summit
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MSC, UW-Stout Campus

How to Find a Co-op/Internship Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Monday, November 10

Off-Campus Housing Fair
4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
MSC, UW-Stout Campus

Tuesday, November 11

Interviewing Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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Recyclable Art Competition
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Great Hall, MSC

Kayak Roll Clinic
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Wednesday, November 12

Job Searching Workshop
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Thursday, October 30

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Monday, November 3

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Wednesday, November 5

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Sunday, November 9

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Mable Tainter Theater, Menomonie, WI

Monday, November 10

Action City Bus Trip
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Leave at 6 p.m.

Comedy Club
7 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Wednesday, November 12

Brighton Beach Memoirs
Cost: $10.50
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Harvey Hall Theatre, UW-Stout

Athletics

Friday, October 31 - Halloween

Hockey at Augsburg College
7 p.m.
Minneapolis, MN

Saturday, November 1

Volleyball at UW-La Crosse
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Volleyball vs. Augustana, IL College
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Men's Cross Country at WIAC
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Women's Cross Country at WIAC
Championships
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Steven's Point, WI

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La Crosse, WI

Men's Basketball vs. Lakehead
5 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Hockey at Hamline University
7 p.m.
St. Paul, MN

Tuesday, November 4 – Election Day

Volleyball WIAC Quarterfinals
7 p.m.
Eau Claire, WI

Hockey at Northland College
7 p.m.
Ashland, WI

Friday, November 7

Hockey vs. Gustavus Adolphus
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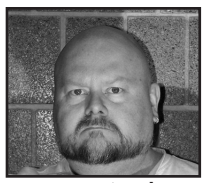
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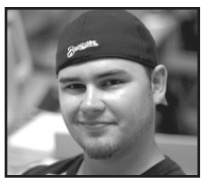




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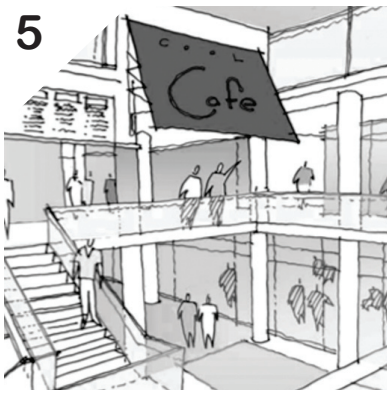
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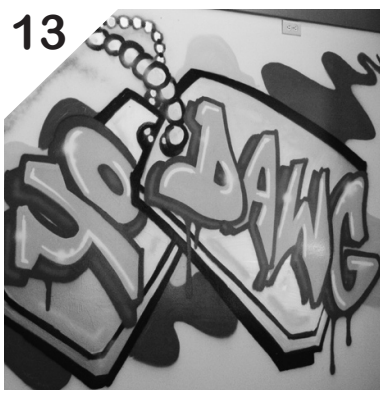
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One man's trash is another one's art project

Students celebrate America Recycles Day by creating art from recyclables.The competition was judged by UW-Stout art instructors and popular vote on Nov. 11.





Tasha Sookochoff/Stoutonia

Left: Members of Greensense, Krista James' Bio-111 course and the University Honors Program count the crowd's votes at the Recyclable Art Competition.

Right: Judges Choice winner Shayla Broeske, a senior in the Art Education program, proudly displays her victorious entry.

Journal of Student Research | Get your work recogized

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

After spending countless hours researching a topic and working through a paper, do you find yourself searching for recognition beyond any letter grade? By submitting your research into the Journal of Student Research, you can have just that.

This publication, made up of all student work and run by students, is designed to encourage research and recognize it. The annual collection is reviewed, edited and complied to be a successful and distinguished grouping of information researched by students. Although many students may not know about the publication, it is useful for school projects, papers and personal research projects throughout a student's college years.

"We're trying to grow the submissions themselves," Robert Spencer, editor of the Journal and graduate student in the psychology department stated. "Diversity is definitely a key word for us this year," Spencer says."The Journal is different every year, it just depends on who submits." Spencer also pointed out that by submitting their papers to the Journal, University of Wisconsin–Stout students have the opportunity to get feedback from professors, as well as add something extra to their resumé.

With its eighth edition coming out this year, the Journal of Student Research continues to grow. Many students work on the writing, editing, compilation and design of the Journal, and a constant call for submissions rings clear all year long. Jennifer Jacobson, a senior in the Graphic Design department helps out with the graphics for the Journal, which will definitely be great experience upon her graduation from UW-Stout. "We accept entries from both undergraduate and graduate students," Spencer said. "All of the entries can be submitted online on the publication's Web page, where students can look at writing tips and get information about the writing center on campus.

In order to get an article into the Journal, you must be a student of UW-Stout, submit research that is roughly 10-30 pages long and be accepted into the publication. The article must also be submitted in APA style format. After submitting an article online, a faculty member will go through the submission. Following primary review, another professor will look over the article as well. Lastly, the article is reviewed by Spencer, who edits it and places it into the Journal upon its acceptance.

The link for the Journal's Web page is: http://www.uwstout.edu/rs/student-journal.shtml. Students can gain more information on the webpage or by e-mailing the editor, Robert Spencer at: spencerr@uwstout.edu. Deadlines for submissions are usually the second week in May. The Journal comes out in early April just in time for "Research Day."



New minor helps students prepare for green-collar jobs

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

A new minor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout aims to give students the education they need for the upcoming green-collar economy.

The sustainability design and development minor began in fall of 2007 and because of the implementation of new courses the minor's popularity is steadily rising.

According to the minor and concentration website, the sustainability design and development minor will give students an education that "integrates the natural and social sciences with technical course work in a variety of disciplines associated with environmental issues."

Dan Bee, the former sustainability design and development coordinator, says the minor is, "designed to be a multi-disciplinary approach to enhancing the technical majors here at Stout."

Bee says this minor is important due to the emerging green-collar economy, "Company job postings are now listing 'sustainable coordinators' with engineering types of backgrounds. Employers are now looking for this enhanced skill set on top of the other majors our students are known for."

According to Bee, technical majors that would benefit from this minor include, "engineering, industrial design, construction, packaging, plastics engineering, computer engineering, packaging, and engineering technology."

Jeff Mullins, a lecturer within the art and design and engineering and technology departments, says the minor does not necessarily have to be applied to one of these technical degrees. Mullins noted that students within the social sciences and other departments would benefit from this minor as sustainability is not a "narrow" focus, but instead is a "holistic" idea that contains issues of ecocentrism and ethics.

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>
> —Dan Bee

Minors such as sustainability design and development help UW-Stout fulfill its title as a polytechnic university. Courses required within the minor, DES-XXX: Introduction to Sustainable Design and the capstone course SUST-425: Sustainable Design and Development, give students a hands-on approach to learning course work and applying their education to the real world.

To declare the sustainable design and development minor,
students can fill out a hardcopy minor selection form at the Advisement Center, 11 Bowman Hall, or fill out a "change minor/concentration" form at
http://www.uwstout.edu/advisement/tools.shtml.

For questions or further information, contact the sustainable design and development minor coordinator Ron Scozzari at scozzarir@uwstout.edu.

Stout commits to sustainability

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The recent green trend has not gone unnoticed by University of Wisconsin-Stout administration. Formed in 2007, the Environmental Sustainable Steering Committee is charged with meeting federal and state environmental and energy mandates and the President's Climate Commitment, signed by Chancellor Sorenson.

To meet these charges, the steering committee must deliver an action plan of recommendations to the UW-Stout administration by summer 2009. Areas targeted by the plan are environmental sustainability and energy and storm water management.

Specific strategies for the plan include the move towards sustainable campus operations, the incorporation of sustainability into the curriculum, and the increase of public awareness and participation in campus sustainability.

Overseeing the success of the steering committee is Vice Chancellor of Student Life Services, Diane Moen. Moen said the committee is important to UW-Stout as, "Like many higher education institutions, the students, faculty and staff at UW-Stout are interested in a more sustainable environment."

According to Moen, in its first year, the steering committee "developed a mission and vision statement which was approved by the Chancellor and also held a contest for the design of a sustainability image." Moen cited Recyclemania, Spring Move-Out, the Residence Hall Energy War and the RideShare website as some of the committee's successes.

Members of the steering committee responsible for the success of these events include members of the UW-Stout teaching faculty, representatives from the UW-Stout physical plant and Inter-Residence Hall Council and student members from GreenSense and the Stout Student Association.

The steering committee is facilitated by the UW-Stout sustainability coordinator. Raina Clark held this part-time position up until recently; she has left the position for a job that would allow her more time with her family.

Clark said under her facilitation the steering committee broke into work groups concerning specific areas of campus sustainability. For example, faculty members Krista James and Kitrina Carlson established recycling and composting work groups. Clark stated that these groups were important because she didn't want the focus of the steering committee to solely be on the action plan. She felt it was important that there were projects underway keeping the steering committee moving forward and getting the student body involved in events that promote campus sustainability.

According to Clark, this year there should be more focus geared directly towards the action plan. A rough draft of the action plan is currently under development. Areas of the draft include recommendations concerning the sustainability of campus programs such as food, transportation and energy. These recommendations came after committee members researched and evaluated the current sustainability of each area.

Clark said the next step is for the action plan draft is to prioritize all of the recommendations. Clark feels prioritizing is necessary so resources and time are put towards the most effective solutions for campus sustainability.

When the action plan is completed it will be presented to Vice Chancellor Moen. After Moen has looked over and approved the plan, it will then be presented to Chancellor Sorenson for approval.

Clark warns, "Just because an action plan is approved, it doesn't mean the university is bound in any way to implement the plan." She hopes, however, that if Chancellor Sorenson approves the action plan that at least some of the committee's recommendations will be implemented.

Though Clark has left her position as sustainability coordinator, she has high hopes that the position will be filled soon and turned into a fulltime position. Clark says "The position is necessary … without the coordinator position, people are out there swimming on their own."

Moen said of the next sustainability coordinator, "We are currently in the process of evaluating the position and how we might improve and strengthen its role. The Steering Committee also plans to review her position description and I will then discuss the future direction for the position with the Chancellor and Provost."

Also, the liaison position between the SSA and the steering committee needs to be filled. Andrew Barrette, a former SSA senator, served as liaison in 2007. He was also one of the students who brought the President's Climate Commitment to Chancellor Sorenson's attention. Barrette says he does not have enough credits as a student to be a SSA senator and liaison anymore, and that he does not know why the liaison position is no longer filled. Barrette noted that there are many committees that need filled by the SSA and that there may not be enough bodies available to fill the liaison position.

Rachel Bernstein, SSA Organizational Affairs Director, says there is interest in creating a sustainability senator position that may be moved by motion within the next two weeks. With the implementation of this position the liaison role would be filled within the steering committee.

More information concerning the steering committee and a draft of the action plan outline can be found at http://www.uwstout.edu/sustainability/committee.html.

Renovations, beer and complications

The buzz about the possibility of a tavern in the MSC

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

Who wouldn't like a pub right in the MSC?

Most students have probably heard about the proposal to renovate our Memorial Student Center. Since the renovations would be paid for exclusively through segregated fees—not with money from the state budget like other campus buildings—this proposal hinged upon the approval of the University Student Senate of the Stout Student Association.

The approval of the renovations appeared precarious as the members of the USS weighed cost concerns and necessity against the benefits of the proposed renovation. The debate centered on representing student interests, particularly the inclusion of a pub. In October 2006, surveyors Brailsford and Dunlavey revealed results of a survey of 2,777 students assessing student demand and support for renovations. A pub was the number one student-requested item.

Opponents of the pub argued that it would segregate underage students from students 21 and older. Concerns about potential problem drinking and underage drinking were raised. Members of the Chancellor's Coalition on Alcohol and Drugs presented concerns of the press spinning the issue as well as the potential logistical issues.

Proponents argued that a pub in the MSC could be used to promote responsible drinking while providing an atmosphere where professors, administrators, staff and students could socialize on campus. Logistics, it was argued, shouldn't be an issue since prior to the construction of the MSC in 1985, the Pawn served beer in its location in the Communication Technologies building. According to USS President Michael Lubke, who served on the MSC Project Planning Committee and has taken special interest in the renovation debate, six of the 13 four-year schools in the University of Wisconsin System currently have pub-like venues on campus.

In an attempt to address the student interests revealed in the Brailsford and Dunlavey survey, the USS passed Resolution 39.08.02 which stipulated that, "a flexible dining option that serves wine and beer be present when the student center renovation is complete." The resolution also required a coffeehouse, an expanded bookstore and "that a ratio of one student to one administrator be present on the design committee."

A second resolution, USS 39.08.03, expressed support for "an $18 million renovation through a segregated fee increase." USS 39.08.03 stated, "support for the Memorial Student Center Renovation is void if the stipulations in the attached resolution are not followed."

Shortly after these resolutions were passed, Chancellor Sorensen sent a letter to the USS. "We are not allowed to request a segregated fee funded project unless we can guarantee funding," the letter stated. "Since many of the stipulations would be accomplished during the design phase of the project, we are in a catch-22 position. The design phase cannot start without guaranteed funding, and the stipulations withhold funding until design is complete."

President Lubke addressed the issue at the subsequent USS meeting. "What you as a senate have to decide is do your constituents want a renovated student center without the stipulations attached, or do you feel like the price of a $208 increase is too much money if we are not receiving what we as the student representative group originally asked for?"

The MSC Renovation Resolution was reconsidered, amended and passed without the clause voiding support if the MSC Renovation Stipulations Resolution is not followed. In effect both the stipulations and the support still exist, but support is no longer tied directly to the stipulations.

"Overall I do feel this type of renovation will benefit our students for years to come, and we'll just have to continue working hard to get what students want," said Lubke.

"The chancellor has made a strong statement, which we need to respect," said Lucy Nicolai, the MSC Director.

Nicolai also pointed out that, according to the Brailsford and Dunlavey survey, 56 percent of students 21 or older would use the pub occasionally (less than once a week) or never.

"This is a relatively small issue in comparison to the potential positive impacts on current and future students," said Associate Director of the MSC Darrin Witucki.

The MSC renovations will soon be handed to a MSC Design Committee to outline the details such as allocation of space and a checklist of needs for each space. Nicolai pointed out that the committee "will be designing the building, not the food options."

The renovation proposal will remain a proposal until it is approved by the UW System Board of Regents and the State Building Commission (SBC). The governor will then send the state budget, including the SBC budget, to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). If the JFC approves the budget with the MSC renovations, it will then move to the state legislature and finally back to the governor.

If all goes well, the project could potentially be complete by September ≠2010. For more information, including the full B&D survey, visit: www.uwstout.edu/studentcenter/projectplanning.



Excerpt from SDS Architects and Perkins and WIll Proposed Concept Drawing

A possible look of the renovated MSC cafe as viewed from the second floor, by the Jarvis side entrance.

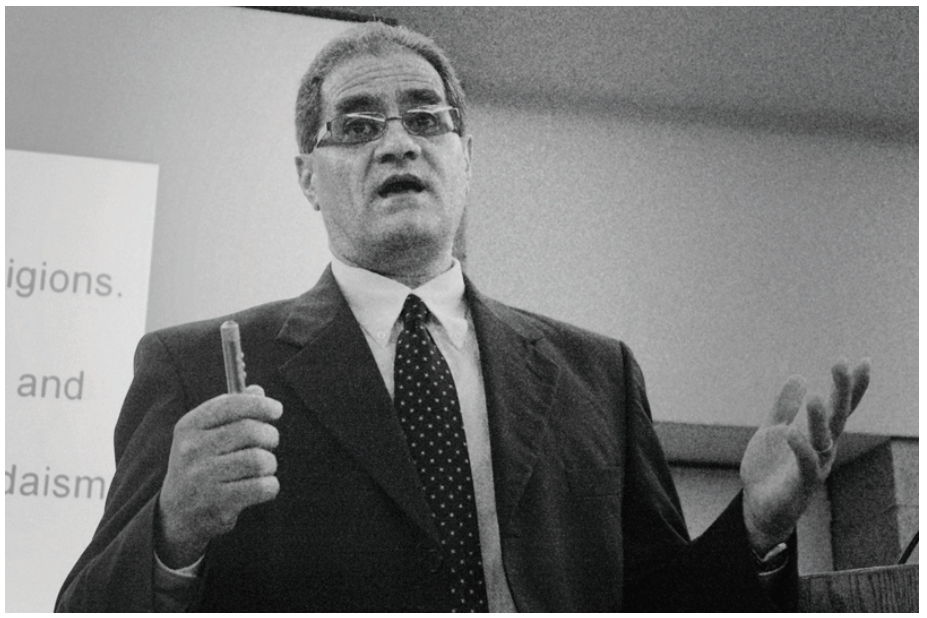
Understanding Islam

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Bolstad, a professor of military science, and Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed thought it would be a good idea to give University of Wisconsin-Stout students a better understanding of Islam.

On Nov. 11, Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed, a practicing Muslim who was born and raised in Egypt, spoke about understanding Islam in Ballroom C of the Memorial Student Center.

"What I want you to get out of this is that we have more in common than what we have different, but we look at the differences and ignore the commonalities," said Ahmed. He then shared his definition of religion and concluded that "our understanding of our belief system is only correct if it brings peace, harmony, tolerance and mutual acceptance."



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia
Mahmoud Ahmed, a practicing Muslim raised in Egypt, explains the similarities of Islam and other religions Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 in the MSC.

"We should learn about our own religion before trying to understand other religions," Ahmed said. "Beware of the prejudices we all have toward others."

"There are five pillars of Islam: Shahada, which is a belief in the one and only God and his prophets; prayers, which are done five times a day facing Mecca; fasting; Zakkat, which is charity for the poor; and Hajj, a pilgrimage to Mecca for those who are capable," said Ahmed. He explained how men and women are treated equally in Islam and that education and knowledge are greatly valued. "The invention of the zero, algebra, physics, geometry, papermaking and taxes were all created by Muslims," said Ahmed.

Another misconception is the idea of Jihad. "Jihad is striving, working and aiming to improve yourself and your community, not going to war which is misunderstood by Muslims and non-Muslims."

When asked about terrorism, Ahmed had a simple answer. "The image of Islam is tarnished by terrorists…and there are extremists in every religion who do not understand the core of the religion," said Ahmed. "But how can we eliminate that? By education, improved economics and understanding."

His advice to those going to Islamic countries? "Behave the way you'd like a guest in your home to behave. Understand the basics of the religion and ask somebody if you are ever in doubt," said Ahmed.

International Week Events

Thursday, Nov. 13: 1 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC - A Scottish visitor, Dr. Gerry Mooney, will talk about the Wisconsin in Scotland Program.

Thursday, Nov. 13: 7 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC - "The Hmong of China - History, Identity and Globalization." Presented by Professor Jason Yu-Xiao Long from Guizhou University, China.

Saturday, Nov. 15: 4:30-6:00 p.m. Ballroom ABC, MSC - Cultural Exhibits and social hour. It's free for anyone!

Saturday, Nov. 15: 5.30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC - International buffet dinner followed by cultural show and fashion show.

Tickets for the International dinner are available at the service desk, upper level of MSC, or buy them online at http://tickets.uwstout.edu. Stout students: $8, Non-students: $14.95, Children: $8.95.

Is there a vice president in You?

University Student Senate looks for a new vice president

Andrew Barrette
Staff Writer

University Student Senate Vice President Sam Rosen has resigned, opening the position up for appointment. "I would like to keep the terms of my resignation confidential," Rosen said adding that there is no blame to lay or fingers to point.

Dustin Green has been appointed as Interim Vice President until the application process is complete. Applicants must be Stout students in good academic standing with six or more credits. Executives of the USS cannot hold any other major office. Applications are available at the Student Organization Center desk on the first floor of the MSC and are due Nov. 17. Applicants are required to gather 100 signatures from fellow Stout students in order to be considered as a candidate for office. The vacancy will be filled via appointment by USS President Michael Lubke and approval of a majority of the USS senators.

The Vice President of the USS chairs of? the Academic Affairs Committee supervises and schedules elections, records meeting minutes and keeps all official documents on file. All executives are required to have a minimum of five office hours a week and attend weekly senate and executive board meetings. For more information visit ssa.uwstout.edu/directors.html or stop by the office located in room 141 of the Memorial Student Center (behind the SOC desk).

For a full job description, look on pages six and seven of the Stout Student Association Constitution and Bylaws: (ssa.uwstout.edu/FINAL_CONSTITUTION_4_21.pdf).

Student Research Web Hub needs a name!

Dana Sumnicht
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to do a research project but didn't know where to start?

The Student Research Web Hub is an access point where students can create a research or other creative project. Students can find resources to start their project, interact with other students and faculty interested in the project and show potential employers their project's portfolio.

But it needs a name!

The hub will be having a contest to see who can come up with the best name. The winner, chosen by a committee, will receive a $250 prize. If you are interested, think of a name and e-mail your idea to: rssubmissions@uwstout.edu with "Contest" in the subject line.

Student Research Web Hub Name Contest Guidelines:

- Must fit in the research hub's home page banner
- Should incorporate the ideas of "Student Research and Creative Activity"
- Should reflect the current and long-term goals of the hub
- Should be catchy and creative
- Only one winner, but no limit on the number of entries by one student
- Must be students currently enrolled with good standing at UW-Stout
- Contest will run from Nov. 17-Dec. 8
- The winner will be contacted on Dec. 15

To learn more about the Hub or to get started with your research project, visit: http://www3.uwstout.edu/undergrad_research/

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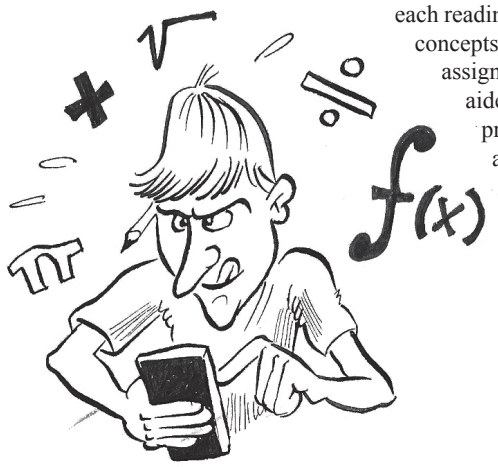
Honors courses offered for everyone

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

Looking for a different kind of class next semester?

Consider taking an honors course. The following three courses will be open to all students with a 3.0 GPA or higher next semester: Narrative in Contemporary Drawing and Painting (ART-101-003), Concepts of Mathematics (MATH-118-004) and Environmental Literature (LIT-275-001).

Students can register for these courses by picking up a signed add card in the basement in Room 42 of Harvey Hall. The courses, their times and instructors are listed below with descriptions.



Concepts of Mathematics

MATH-118-004
Nelu Ghenciu
M, T, W, Th 1:25-2:20
4 Credits

This course is going to focus on five main topics: sets, logic (reasoning), number theory, algebra and geometry. The goal is to put more emphasis on these topics and discuss the history and development of fundamental problems in each area. For each topic, students will be reading appropriate material to spark discussion. The students will focus on the reasoning of a problem, its importance in history and general proof techniques and conclude with solving it. After each reading, the students will investigate the concepts through reading questions and assignments, such as projects, computer aided simulations, papers and presentations. The course objectives are to demonstrate an awareness and appreciation of a wide variety of mathematical ideas and articulate the role of mathematics in today's culture.



Narrative in Contemporary Drawing and Painting

ART-100-003
Tamara Brantmeier
M, W 2:30-5:30
3 Credits

This honors seminar is unique in that it is based on a studio drawing course that serves as the foundation for every art and design student. As the first hybrid seminar/studio course offered at UW-Stout, students will have the opportunity to develop an understanding of the artistic studio process. Most importantly, students will learn to see through sustained observational drawing exercises that are as key to the practice of drawing as they are to the practice of viewing artworks. Each student will present a lecture on a modern or contemporary artist that will serve as a point of departure for discussions. Students are not expected to have drawing skills when they begin this course.

Environmental Literature

LIT-275-001
Joan Menefee
M, W, F 11:15-12:10
3 Credits

Prerequisite: Take English 102, 112 or 113 Ethnic Studies B course

When we read books, we learn a lot about relationships: parents, friends, lovers and grouchy neighbors. We think almost exclusively about human relationships when we talk about these books. In Environmental Literature, human relationships will be discussed, but the student will broaden his nets to catch brown wasps, white-tailed deer, gingko trees, peonies and even an Arctic ice shelf. Human relationships with non-human, biological and other worlds will be examined. As a result of this eco-critical approach to reading, the student may come closer to understanding fully what it means to live on this planet at this moment in history, when global warming and oil drilling dominate newspaper headlines.



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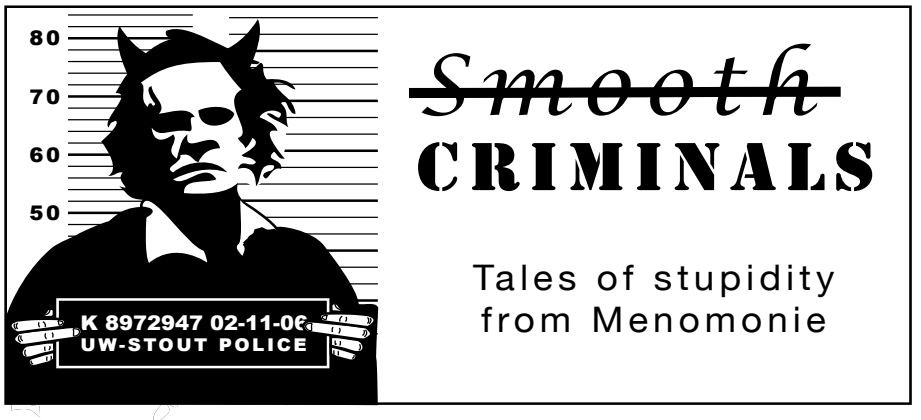
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No excuse not to vote

Anne Kressin
Staff Writer

After one of this country's longest presidential races, Senator Barack Obama has been voted the 44th president of the United States. His victory was achieved by earning over 63 million votes, many of which were from key voting groups such as Latinos and young voters. From the 18–29 age group, Senator Obama received 66 percent of the votes (CNN). Obama won many battleground states such as Ohio and Florida as well as eight states that reversed their political standing from last election's result by going blue. History has been made as America elects its first ever African American president. Senator Obama is hopeful for the future and urges Americans to put aside their differences to work toward a prosperous future. "This is our moment. This is our time," stated Senator Obama. "Out of many, we are one."



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Can you hear me now?

Oct. 24

An officer came across a cell phone ringing on the ground outside of the Home Economics Building. The officer was able to question the caller and discover the owner. Hopefully he remembered to write down any messages.

Music in the air

Oct. 24

A student was able to identify an iPod that was found on the road near the Merle Price Commons. They believed it had fallen there after accidentally being left on the top of a car. We can only hope that they will not make the same mistake with the baby carrier.

Left in the dust

Oct. 24

After its odometer had not changed for a week, police finally took in a sad little moped from the parking lot near the Applied Arts building. The bike had been parked in the lot for over two weeks. If being abandoned was not enough, over those two weeks it had been repeatedly tipped over, adding insult to injury.

Hey guys! Let's go into someone's car and wreck their stuff because that is so cool!

Oct.26

A visitor to the campus had an unfriendly welcome after his car was damaged overnight. Papers had been strewn over the passenger seat, a pack of Dr. Thunder had been opened in the back, the brake line was broken and there was an attempt to steal the stereo. And if this was not enough for the vandals, they wrapped napkins around the cigarette lighter, perhaps to try to set the whole thing ablaze. Since those responsible obviously have nothing better to do with their time than damage property, can we suggest a hobby? Model building or stamp collecting, perhaps?

Watch out for that hairball!

Oct. 27

A beige male cat was found outside of South Hall. A Good Samaritan brought the cat to the front desk of the dorm. She was told that animals were not allowed in campus housing. The cat was brought to the Dunn County Humane Society, and thank goodness! Who knows how many unsuspecting students have had allergic reactions to the four hairs that cat left in its wake.

A stolen work of art would tie this whole room together . . .

Oct. 27

A food-related poster in a large gold frame was stolen from the Home Economics building. This person must have been really desperate for some feng shui . . . really, really desperate.

Perhaps a little discretion?

Oct. 28

One would think that if you were going to smoke marijuana you would do it out of sight. The student who decided to light up between AFM and CKTO was apparently under a different impression. Luckily for them, what they lacked in brains they made up for in speed and managed to split the scene before authorities arrived.

You can crash at my place tonight

Oct. 30

A suspicious person was found sleeping on a couch in the lobby of JTC. When the RA discovered that the guest was neither a student nor an acquaintance of a student, he was asked to leave. The couch potato refused to move on and was only persuaded when he heard that campus security was on the way.

No dorm robbers are getting in this room. Actually, no one is getting in this room.

Nov. 2

A resident of AFM Hall was unable to get into their room after the lock in the door had jammed. Having nowhere else to sleep (the y should have gotten a recommendation from the lobby napper), maintenance was called. Only after replacing the entire lock and handle was the student able to gain access to his dorm room.

You looked at me funny!

Nov. 2

A student was leaving to go home from CKTO when another student inside the dorm began yelling threats at her from a dorm window. The student then proceeded to come outside, get in her face and threaten to beat her up. Finally, another student pulled the aggressive student away.

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How to be a "Role Model" for your "Baby Mama"

Ileah Midthum
Staff Writer

"Baby Mama," starring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, is truly one of the funniest movies that has come out this year. By looking at the title, some might assume that this is a serious chick flick—not the case. Basically every guy that I have watched it with or asked if they liked it thought, if nothing else, it was funny. Even my mom said it was one of the funniest movies she's ever seen.

The story starts out with Kate (Tina Fey) wanting to get pregnant. Her gynecologist says there is a one-in-a-million chance that this will happen because she has a "T" shaped uterus due to some medication that her mother took while she was pregnant. This leads Kate to search for different options to fulfill her desire for a baby.

She tries adoption and implantation, but neither of these options work. She then turns to surrogacy. This is when Angie (Amy Poehler) comes into the picture. During their interview you can see that these women are nothing alike. Kate is an uptight business woman who is used to being in charge while Angie is a free-spirited lady who never finished high school. It is truly a recipe for comedy.

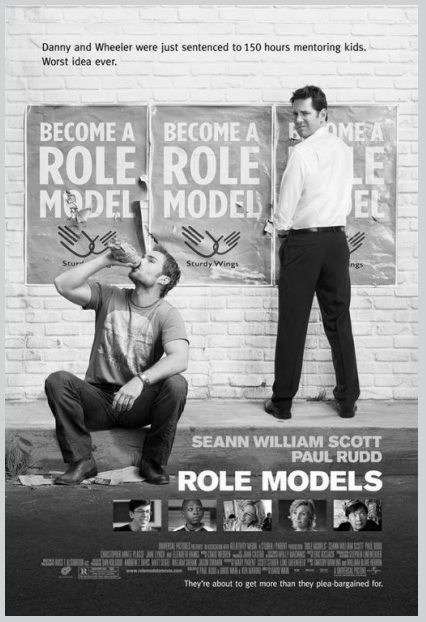


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Angie decides to be Kate's surrogate, so they insert Kate's fertilized eggs into Angie. This is when things start getting crazy. Angie leaves her common law husband because she finds out he is cheating on her. She turns to Kate for help and shows up at her door. Kate willingly lets Angie stay with her because she thinks it is an opportunity to keep an eye on her and make sure she is eating healthy and doing the things that she is supposed to.

Different things take place after Angie moves in with Kate. Kate soon learns that Angie is not at all like her, and does not like it. Angie does things like drink Red Bull while she's pregnant (which is a no-no for those of you who don't know), stick her gum underneath Kate's antique coffee table and farts in Kate's purse. A lot of other things happen too but you will just have to watch it to see how things turn out and how hilarious this movie actually is.

This movie is full of laughter and a few surprising twists. It is sure to be a hit no matter who you watch it with.



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A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas

Stoutonia Staff

"Role Models" is the R-rated feel-good movie of the year. It has something for everyone: profanity, topless women, drug use, violence, that guy from "American Pie" and the exploitation of children. But more than that, it has heart.

It centered around two guys working at a dead-end job selling an energy drink to kids. One of them, Wheeler, played by Seann William Scott, loves both life and the job because he can show up to work hung-over every day. Danny, played by Paul Rudd, is frustrated with both, and when his girlfriend dumps him, commits a quick series of misdemeanors, and both men are ordered to work at Sturdy Wings, a Big Brothers Big Sisters-type place.

This is when the pair is assigned to their respective children. Wheeler is assigned to Ronnie, a smart-mouthed breast-obsessed little boy played by Bobb'e J. Thompson, and Danny is assigned to Augie Farks, a nerdy, quiet, fantasy-game loving teenager played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse. Then the adventures begin. Ronnie turns out to be quite a handful. He swears constantly, misbehaves and is generally hard to handle. He mostly needs a male role model. Augie is just obstinate about anything that isn't related to his fantasy game and needs acceptance from his parents. What will these guys learn from each other?

A.J.: This movie was surprisingly watchable. The previews made it look like it would be in the same category of crappiness as "Stuck on You" and "Guess Who." However, instead of having a bunch of lame gags and no substance, the characters developed and learned important life lessons. The main reason this movie works is because the tone of the movie is generally serious, especially the character of Danny (though he adds to the humor as well), and the world around him is absurd. Many comedies fail to realize the underlying story should be something relatively normal/serious and the jokes should be added from there.

The characters were fairly well-developed, although Scott's character was somewhat pointless. He mostly was there to help bring some absurdity to the movie. Also, the chemistry between Danny and his girlfriend, Beth, played by Elizabeth Banks seemed a little forced.

Overall, the movie wasn't laugh-out-loud funny for the most part, but it was enjoyable and worth a trip to the budget theater if you're looking for some mild amusement.

Katie: This movie would be classified as a heartwarming, feel-good comedy. It is sentimental and funny enough for most 17+ audiences to enjoy, but I wouldn't go so far as to say that it was hilarious.

The characters were well developed, but that's because we've seen them before in other movies – think "Knocked Up," "40 Year Old Virgin," "American Pie" and "Superbad." Rudd's character uses dry, sarcastic humor that combines surprisingly well with Scott's fun-loving, ladies' man mentality.

Mintz-Plasse will forever be typecast as a dork, but is very likeable and fun to watch.

While the movie is a little predictable and corny as times, it is one comedy that would be worth buying. Place it in your movie collection somewhere between "Knocked Up" and "Hitch."

Rating: 7.4/10

The Wire Tap

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Music at the Waterfront

Thursday, Nov. 13
Sans Souci Quartet

Friday, Nov. 14
Hobo Nephews of Uncle Frank

Thursday, Nov. 20
The Last Known Whereabouts

Saturday, Nov. 22
Kanser

Saturday, Dec. 6
Sexfist

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Pert' Near Sandstone

Music/ Events at the Stones Throw

Friday, Nov. 14
Roster McCabe with Wally Dogger
10 p.m., $4

Saturday, Nov. 15
Gingerjake with Saving One
10 p.m. $7

Friday, Nov. 21
The Pimps (with TBA)
10 p.m. $6

Saturday, Nov. 22
WHYS Radio Benefit
with Sol Spectre, Histronic and Downers Grove
10 p.m. $5 donation

Friday, Nov. 28
One Love Productions Presents:
Black Friday Beats
10 p.m. $3

Thursday, Dec. 4
Pat McCurdy
10 p.m. $7
Saturday, Nov. 8

Upcoming Album Releases

Tuesday, Nov. 18

All-American Rejects
When The World Comes Down

Nickelback
Dark Horse

Sunday, Nov. 23

Guns N' Roses
Chinese Democracy

Calling all talent to Fanny Hill Dinner Theater

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

Do you have talent?
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Fanny Hill Dinner Theater in Eau Claire will be holding auditions on Monday, Nov. 24 from 4:30 p.m.-8p.m. at Fanny Hill.

Auditions will be held for the following positions and productions:

Chapter Two (comedy)
2 female/2 male
Jan. 30-April 5, 2009

Lend Me A Tenor (farce)
4 female/ 4 male
April 17-June 21, 2009

I Do, I Do (musical)
1 female/1 male
June 26-Aug. 30, 2008

A Nice Family Gathering (comedy)
3 female/4 male
Sept. 11-Nov. 1, 2009

Rudy's Holidaze Reunion
(holiday comedy)
3 female/4male
Nov. 6-Jan. 24, 2010

Auditions may be done for one or all shows. Come prepared with a one to two-minute comic monologue. Those interested in "I Do, I Do" must be prepared to show a song. Please bring your music; an accompanist will be supplied.

Appointments are not necessary.

These are paid positions.

Please contact Don Hudgins with any questions at:

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A day in the fab lane:

Fashion Group International Career Day 2008

Emily Janssen
Staff Writer

The Fashion Group International Career Day introduced a group of fashion and retail majors to a promising career path in the fashion industry. These students took a trip away from the little college town of Menomonie, across the state border and through the cityscapes of St. Paul and Minneapolis. They arrived at the Sheraton West Hotel in Minnetonka promptly at 8 a.m. The sun was barely breaking the darkness, but these scholars were abuzz with excitement. Today they would meet and mingle with Minnesota and the surrounding area's finest fashion and retail success stories. They might finally get that "in"- the connection they'd been striving for. It's the lush fabrics, the glossy magazines, the dare-to-wear boots and the inventive tastes of the fashion world that stand permanently vanguard in their daily desires, and these students were dressed and geared with a stack of 50 resumes for each of the 50 companies attending to make it happen.

A nametag and a brochure of the day's impending events were distributed to each student as they approached a handsome array of autumn décor about fruit trays, muffins, morning breads and coffee. Over breakfast the assemblage would be hearing from Frank Guzetta, the President of Polo Ralph Lauren's Home Product Division and former CEO of Macy's North. It was a touching rags-to-riches-through-passion-alone story. Throughout Guzetta's life, he always understood he had the fervor for working in retail, but his enthusiasm was ignored over and over until he found a mentor who helped him follow his heart. He followed it all the way to the top of the industry. Students like Allie Siebell, Retail Merchandising and Management (RMM) senior, were left enlightened by the day's keynote speakers. "I thought that Frank Guzetta did a phenomenal job telling his story. I was reaffirmed that it really takes dedication and passion to have a successful career in retail."

The morning gathering adjourned and then split for the first breakout session offering the choice from four panel topics, "In Product Design and Development," "As a Buyer for a Major or Specialty Store," "In Upper Level Retail Management," or "As a Designer of Your Own Brand." There were three breakout sessions in all which highlighted a variety of perspectives from the fashion industry's real world professionals, independent label designers, writers, buyers, sales persons, radio personalities, you name it. A few names of the 50 companies that were attending the conference included: Chico's White House, Black Market, Target Corporation, Galleria, Minnesota Monthly, WCCO Radio, Lucy and Amanda Christine Designs, to name a few. It was this diversification that gave the conference that "special" status for some of the attending students. Joan Tobin, RMM senior, appreciated this factor. "The career day did a great job in gathering many different occupations within the fashion industry," she explained. "This informs students that there are many directions to go within fashion merchandising."

The benefits of the conference didn't end at exposure to new career opportunities, but moreover, allowed students to network. "I like that we were able to interact with the employers that were there," said Jessie Freitag, RMM senior. "[The speakers] were open to any questions that you had for them." Another student who attended the conference, Lisa Ann Wilke, RMM senior, was thrilled with the opportunity to get to know the experts in her field of study. "The day was most beneficial to me because I made great connections with professionals in the area."

This annual event opens the proverbial doors fashion and retail students have been waiting to have their chances at. The elegance of the event put on by the Fashion Group International was worth numerous compelling recommendations for fellow fashion and retail students to save the date of next year's FGI Career Day. These students left with the inspiration of two keynote speakers: Frank Guzetta as mentioned earlier, and Michael Alexin, Vice President of Product Design and Development for Apparel and Accessories at Target Corporation. They left with a better understanding of the fashion industry focusing on visual merchandising, e-commerce, entrepreneurship and public relations among many other topic options. They left with zero résumés left and a handful of business cards from potential future employers. "I will take a lot of the presented information with me, as I begin to explore my own career path," Allie Siebell declared in accord with the other University of Wisconsin-Stout students who had the opportunity to attend. The day was directionally inspirational, a great networking experience and distinct from any career conference offered on campus; satisfaction guaranteed!



There's a new Dawg in town

Mallory Morris
Staff Writer

You've probably noticed that the vacant location next to Harvey Hall where That Mexican Place used to be is now inhabited by a new eatery. The newest place in town that you should check out is Yo-Dawg, a gourmet hot dog and burger joint. Owner Diane Kristen moved to Menomonie recently from Chicago and realized she was very badly missing one thing: a gourmet Chicago hot dog. After doing some research around town, she discovered that the food offerings were very heavily slated towards pizza and decided to go forward with an idea she'd had in mind for a long time: to open a gourmet hot dog and burger restaurant.

The first step was to find the perfect location that would be available to both students and to local town people. The next was to create the perfect place for people to eat, hang out, make memories and form social attachments. Kristen's goal is to consider and accept as many suggestions and needs from her customers as possible but will be "absolutely uncompromising on the authenticity and quality of the food." The hot dogs are made with 100 percent Vienna beef and all food products are bought locally. Kristen also wants to become a great neighbor to campus and the community. She is not looking to compete with other restaurants in the area but to share the business and create a place that people appreciate. At the moment, Yo-Dawg is a dine-in or take-out restaurant but Kristen says she might be willing to try delivery that would at first be only places that could be reached by foot or in the general vicinity of the restaurant.

Kristen is also very interested in the arts. If you have stepped inside or even walked by the new Yo-Dawg restaurant, you may have noticed the hand painted graffiti art on the walls. These were done by some artists from Minneapolis and artwork in the bathrooms was done by a couple of University of Wisconsin – Stout students. In the interest of getting people involved, Kristen plans to hold an ongoing contest for people to continually repaint the wall in the upstairs loft area of the restaurant. She's also interested in holding open mic nights that would focus on poetry slams, comedy or spoken words contests where the audience picks the winner and Yo-Dawg provides the prizes. There is also a 300-CD changer located in the restaurant for people to use at any time. Put your CD in, mark what number it is on the whiteboard and play it any time.

When it comes to the menu, Kristen is willing to take any suggestions from customers and is currently on the hunt for quality and great-tasting vegetarian hot dogs to meet the needs of the non-meat eater. She will soon be adding a gyro, meatball and Italian sausage sandwiches to her already popular Yo-beef sandwich, ripper dawgs and Chicago hot dogs. She's interested in adding a baked macaroni and cheese, and experimenting with soups and any other suggestions people bring in. This past weekend, Yo-Dawg also tried out their late night menu which is to-go only and includes the Chili Dawg, Cheese Dawg, Chili Cheese Dawg and the Devil Dawg.

Kristen admitted to not yet getting the traffic they eventually hope for but is excited to report that she sees the same people coming in every day and sometimes more than once a day to enjoy the fast, inexpensive, quality hot dogs, burgers and other options she offers. She said she isn't worried about not yet getting the steady stream of customers because she hasn't yet had a chance to do any advertising and is working on reputation and word of mouth. I've talked to multiple people who testify to how amazing the hot dogs are and suggest trying the Yo-Dawg, an authentic Chicago Vienne beef hot dog, the Ripper, a deep fried hot dog and the Italian beef sandwich.

While Diane Kristen is the owner and visionary creator of Yo-Dawg, she gave a significant amount of credit to her manager, Mark Brunner, whom she calls her "make-it-happen man." One or the other is always working at the restaurant and willing to help, take suggestions, ideas or criticism any time in order to make your experience at Yo-Dawg the best it can be so that you decide to come back again and again. Make sure to stop by Yo-Dawg at 710 2nd St, across from the clock tower or call ahead to pick up (715) 235-3294.







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Brighton Beach Memoirs

Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

With the weather quickly getting bleaker, some may fret about being bored inside. Never fear, however, because University Theatre at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is putting on a show that will tickle your funny bone and warm up your heart.

Directed by Paul Calenberg, "Brighton Beach Memoirs" is Neil Simon's autobiographical story told by a teenage boy, Eugene, in 1937. His New York family is affected by the economy, and this is reflected in tense moments during the play. However, there is still room for laughter and love in the family—and sometimes awkward family-lovin.'

"It's a healthy mix of comedy and serious material," Calenberg said. "It's like a slice of life."

Sophomore Travis Kane, who is new to University Theatre, plays Eugene.

"I didn't want to admit, I was here to meet girls," Kane said. "But I love it! I get to act like a kid again! Theater is so much fun!"

Kane's enthusiasm was seconded by his co-star Laura Drew, a fifth-year UW-Stout student who plays Kate.

"Admittedly, [theater] takes up all my time, but I love it," Drew said. "It's my social life; it's where I meet all my friends."

Drew finds her character very interesting and challenging.

"I did Shakespeare for the first time this summer, and I have to say, Neil Simon is way harder," Drew said. "[My character, Kate] is very dramatic. She's multi-faceted. She's comedic, but she's also got a dramatic blow-up scene."

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" shows family bonding and ties in process. It's a great play not only for families to view together, but for the UW-Stout population as well. If you missed the play last night, make sure to check it out, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harvey Hall Theatre. It will also be showing Nov. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10.50 and are available at the Memorial Student Center Service Desk. They are also available online at tickets.uwstout.edu. If you want to see the show but did not buy tickets, you can purchase them at the theater one hour before the performance.

Something to do during a Dark Knight

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

The weather forecast for Friday, Nov. 14 is glum: rain, snow and wind are expected to grace the city of Menomonie, turning what may have been an incredible night out to a night better spent in. Rather than giving in to boredom and the dreary-weather blues, consider watching a box-office record-setting movie on a theater-sized screen—for free.

Hosted by Blue Devil Productions, "The Dark Knight" will be shown twice for campus enjoyment.

Showings will be in Applied Arts, room 210 on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m.

Bundle up, grab a friend and take advantage of the incredible movie opportunity. But remember—seats will go fast; get there early to ensure that you will be part of the action.

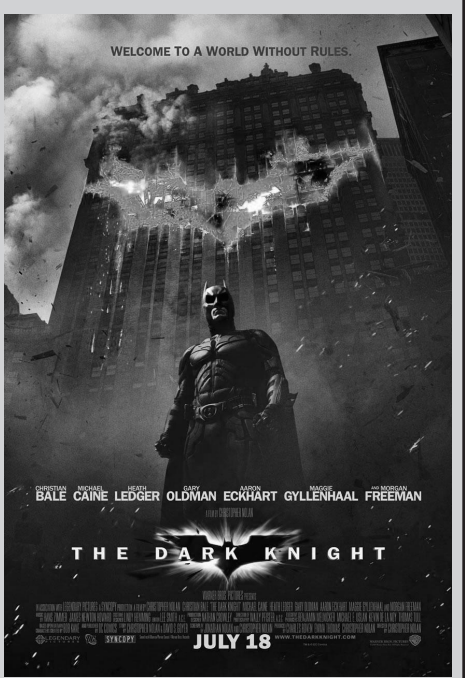


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What's the meaning of YOUR life?

Maija Rusin
UW-Stout student contributor

Today, I walked through South Campus, passing all of the freshmen dorms and Price Commons. This walk reminded me of all the great times I had two years ago as an incoming freshman. College was so new and exciting. Finally, I was free from the tight grip of private schooling and my parents. I could do whatever I wanted to, when I wanted to, wherever I wanted to. Life was so grand. Parties every night, going to class whenever I felt the need, work...well, why bother? I was living the great life...or was I?

How many people have walked the straight and narrow path throughout middle school and high school, and always had to deal with the high standards and strict rules? Kids tend to think adults, especially parents, are naïve and put into place some ridiculous standards and restrictions. Kids never take the time to appreciate the little things, and even the big things, that their parents do for them.

I was definitely one of these children. I never wanted to listen to my parents, and I always thought that I was right. I thought that they didn't understand teenage life in this generation. I thought that they were stuck in their old ways, and were too close-minded to think off the beaten path. As soon as I was let loose into college, I had some of the wildest times of my life, as well as some of the most irresponsible times of my life. I took the things they gave me for granted, and I did whatever I wanted to do. I was being independent, but irresponsibly, and I enjoyed every minute of it. However, reality then dealt me a swift kick in the bottom, and I was forced to grow up.

There is only so long that you can go around, wasting away your life by going out and having fun every night and ignoring your responsibilities. College is a great place to meet new friends, find new interests and gather new hobbies. But sometimes you meet the wrong people, or you choose the wrong interests, and you can pick up some pretty bad habits. College can be a dangerous place, and if you aren't careful, there can be some major repercussions for your actions. College leads you to your future, it decides where you will go in life and it can get you to where you want to be. Make sure to utilize all of your talents, gifts and the privileges you are given. Respect your parents. They have given you so much so that you could get where you are today. Work hard and listen to your teachers and professors. They've given you the tools you need to get that dream job you have always wanted. Respect your RAs. They're around to keep you safe and help you ease your way into college life. Start being more responsible. There's so much more to life than parties and popularity. I've been there, seen it and washed my hands of it all. Sure, I've had some amazing times and created great memories, but when it comes down to it, there are so many other things apart from that lifestyle that make life full and rich.

People have almost become obsessed with the whole drunken college party stereotype, and it's a scary thing. Of course, I am not saying we should all stay in and forget the fun socializing, but students need to start prioritizing their lives! Drinking, parties and social events are only a small part of our lives. There is way more to college than just being a prestigious socialite. Go out and make your life richer and fuller. Surround yourself with good people. Pick up a good habit that affirms your goals in life. Be a good person. Learn, know and live out your values. Fix up your resume. Read a book. Do something healthy for yourself. Give your life a bigger purpose over the superficial material things.

My challenge to Prop-8 supporters

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

In case you haven't heard, a black male was just elected president of the United States, so this hardly seems like the day and age to suddenly take such a huge step back in another area of our civil rights. I don't understand something. How could anyone have voted for Proposition 8? Can anyone give me one good reason why it should have passed and why the right of gay couples to wed in California was just rescinded?

I'm issuing a challenge. I want to know, everyone who supports this bill… why? Why are you supporting this? What do you care? Why does it matter to you? Why doesn't it matter to you if your friends can have such a chance at happiness with whomever they love, but so many of mine can't, just because you decide that they're not human enough to deserve the rights of the majority? No gay person is trying to take away your rights, so why are you interfering with theirs? Why can't they have what you have? How does their sexual orientation make them any less human?

Gay marriage has nothing to do with you. You are not personally involved. No children or adults are being harmed. The economy would not be ruined. Gayness is not contagious; no one you know could catch it. Marriage as we know it would not be ruined. It already has a 50-50 chance of not working out, and even at those odds, there are people out there who would be absolutely overjoyed to even be offered that chance. Why can't they have it?

I don't want to hear anything about civil unions. It's not good enough. It's not even close. Americans have never looked back and said, "Separate but equal worked so well, and it was such a great idea!" It was only 40 years ago that marriage was "re-defined" to include the rights of mixed-race couples. Our president-elect is proof that we have come tremendously far in civil rights in only 40 years. I don't want to hear anything about the Bible, I already know enough about it. I know that it is where we get the golden rule of "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and that it encourages us to spread love rather than hate. So give me a real reason to oppose sanctioning love.

Please tell me. All I want to know is why, in 2008, you think you have the right to sit two people down, point to one man and say, "I will not interfere with your right to be happy and loved," and then point to the other man and say to him, "I will not let you marry who want, and I will prohibit you from having such a chance at happiness and love, all because you are homosexual."

Go on, do it. Give me just one reason.

The temperature is dropping...

Jack Lawrence
UW-Stout student contributor

The signs are everywhere. Leaves are turning red and gold. The wind that accompanies you on your morning walk to class is a little more chilly than breezy. You can't sleep with your window open anymore. The curled, lifeless bodies of the hornets that used to hover around rooftops and along the sides of buildings are now found on the ground. Fall is here, and winter is on its way. It won't be long before scarves are back in fashion and we return to eagerly checking weather.com each morning, hoping for a few degrees' worth of unexpected warmth.

But wipe away those tears unless you want them to freeze, my collegiate friends. Even though Menomonie's winters occasionally stretch past the six-month mark and achieve "Frozen Hellscape" status, there are lots of silver linings you may have overlooked in semesters past. Remember that car that somebody parked on the icy surface of the lake last year that eventually sunk? And what about the giant phallic snow sculpture someone always ends up building in front of HKMC? Winter clothes? Snow day e-mails from the chancellor? There are so many things about winter to like that it's a wonder anyone can manage to just slog through it like our college years will just keep going forever and there's no need to enjoy what life has to offer us in our bright-eyed, bushy-tailed 20s, before the world has chewed up our dreams and spat us out as listless nine-to-five corporate slaves.

This year, make an effort to help eclipse our memories of winters past with the golden brilliance that will be the 2008-2009 winter. This year, instead of freezing in your dorm on some dreary Wednesday night, sneak over to a friend's room and convince him to get drunk and watch "Neverending Story 2" with you (trust me, it's great). Forget about the god of circuitry we know as Laptop, Conqueror of Spirits, and instead go to that hidden park down the street from Price Commons. Just because it's snowing doesn't mean you can't have fun!

So please, my friends, make this winter completely awesome. Live it up and do not groan about the cold, because remember, you can always put more clothes on. When it's too hot out, there's only so far you can strip before you start getting weird looks from passing officers.

letters to the editor

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Get in gear and give stickshift a try

Haley Clapp
UW-Stout student contributor

All teens await their 16th birthday, often because this is when they're allowed to claim that sweet, sweet driver's license. My vehicle options were my dad's bulky van (used to haul our boat), and my mom's Honda Accord, which had a manual transmission. With little options for me to practice driving and an extreme dislike for driving SUVs and vans, I had to bite the bullet and learn how to drive a stick.

Imagine the feeling you get right before you ask someone on a date - nervousness, your palms shaking and sweating, feeling sick to your stomach, etc. This is the best way I can imagine to describe my experiences learning to drive a manual, but instead of the ultimate humiliation of being rejected for the date, the worst case scenario is me crashing my mom's car, rolling back into something, or stalling out in the middle of an intersection; the possibilities are endless. Despite that, I learned that after lots of practice, driving a stick becomes bearable and even fun. By the time I had saved enough money to buy my own car, I found one that fit perfectly into my price range, and it happened to be stick. Although I was hesitant to make my first car a stick shift, it was one of the best decisions I ever made.

Driving a stick shift is an experience in itself. These days, the distractions inside our cars have grown to include cell phones, iPods, radar detectors and GPS navigation systems. And although texting while driving has become illegal in some states, many still can't resist the urge. The appeal of a manual is that you don't feel bored while driving, so you don't rely on distractions. You're also in better control of your car and have a greater sense of how fast you're driving because YOU make it shift from gear to gear. Instead of the monotonous brake, gas, brake, you're zooming from first to second, second to third, and you feel like you should star in a Mazda commercial.

Although it can be intimidating to learn, I highly suggest that you find a friend or adult who knows how to drive a stick and ask them to teach you. I have taught at least five friends, all of whom said it was way more fun than driving an automatic. Trust me, once you've driven a stick, you can never go back. It's like upgrading to a cell phone with a full keyboard. You become spoiled from such an ultimate experience, so it's hard to switch back. Not to mention, if you're ever looking for a used car, your options are more open because you can drive both manuals and automatics. Imagine finding a vintage Mustang and realizing all you could do with it is wash and wax it in your garage because it has a manual transmission. In fact, there are some cars that ONLY come in stick shifts, like the popular Subaru Impreza WRX-STi. The reason for this is that anyone who would want to buy a high performance vehicle like this would want to drive a stick shift, because it's half the fun of driving! Tina Turner recently bought a Lamborghini LM002, but because she couldn't drive a stick shift, she had the V12 engine swapped out for a V8 of a Mercedes E500 with automatic transmission. Silly Tina. That's not what Lambos are for!

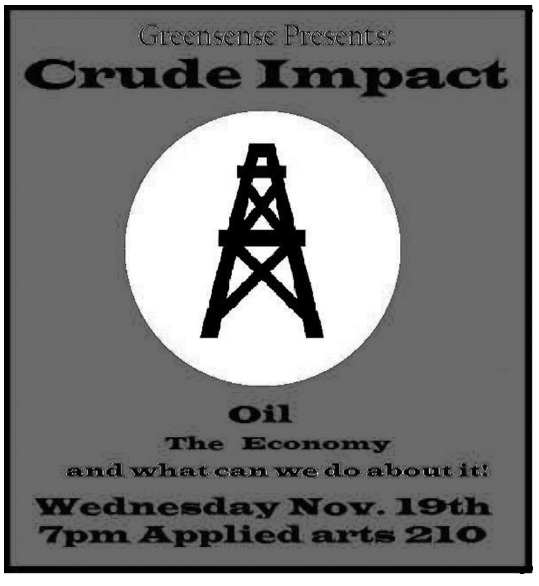
Stick shifts are also known for getting better mileage. Notice how in television commercials when the mileage is listed at the bottom of the screen, it's followed by "manual transmission." Not to mention, ladies, guys think it's hot. I can't tell you how many guys have been impressed that I know how to drive a stick, let alone own one.

So if those were not enough reasons for you drivers out there to consider stick, just remember this next time you're behind the wheel: you were given two feet, so put both of them to use and make the most out of your driving experience. The average American spends over 100 hours a year in their car – so enjoy yours!



Marc Anderson/ Stoutonia

I love oil: The "Crude Impact" of global oil depletion



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Oil has been one of the greatest discoveries of all time. One of the only reasons why our civilization exists as it does today is because of oil…and it's running out. In 1956, the geophysicist M. King Hubbard invented the "Peak Theory." This theory states that due to the limited amount of fossil resources (oil, coal, natural gas) under the Earth's crust, we will eventually hit a peak period at which the global supply of fossil fuels can no longer keep up with the societies' demands. He projected that the U.S. would hit its production peak for oil in 1970. As we can now see, he was correct. Until the '70s came to pass, he was mocked and ridiculed by his peers claiming that Hubbard was just some old kook. If people would have adhered to his insight, we may not be in the situation we are in now.

Due to the increase in industrialization all over the world, scientists are now finding that oil is running out at an even more alarming rate than was first speculated. We have developed our civilizations around this product, and we are dependent on the cheap and excessive availability of oil for the survival of our global population. A cheap and readily available fuel source is essential for economic progress. We use oil for everything from manufacturing, to transportation, heating, electricity, and food. We have been using oil-based pesticides and fertilizers since the 1940s, and not to mention the equipment that is used to plant, cultivate, harvest, process, and ship. This peak in production does **not** mean that you will not have gas to drive to the store; it means that the food may **never get from the field to the store.** Our entire food infrastructure system is reliant on the trucking industry, which in turn is reliant on oil. As you can probably tell, humanity has an impending crisis in its hands.

As a species, we must start to think about the choices we have as to how we will cope with the worldwide depletion of oil. This is where the power of community comes into play. We are now presented with an amazing opportunity to revolutionize the ways in which we relate to each other and exist as a global civilization. We have options, but they will come from the hearts and minds of communities. Based on our current system, without an easily and cheaply accessible fuel source, we cannot function. This is because we have moved away from local and bioregional sustainability (which was the fashion up until after World War II).

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 in Applied Arts 210, GreenSense is screening the film "Crude Impact." This film addresses how humanity is 100 percent reliant on this resource. It can inspire us to take action and develop a national plan that we can send to President-elect Barack Obama to ensure the resiliency of our country. Let us join together for a night of inspiration, creativity and hope that we can use to ride the wave of change that is sweeping the nation. This is the first of many community action sessions, and we hope that you will join us for this powerful event!

Eco-fashion | making a healthier and more stylish future

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Never in my life did I think that one simple saying on a T-shirt would change my perspective on life. I was about to head home after a trip to the Mall of America, when the thumping music and bright fluorescent lights of the ever-trendy store Forever 21 caught my attention. Upon entering the store, I was bombarded by a huge display of colorful T-shirts, each exclaiming their own eco-friendly tagline in vivid, bold font. Thrilled that they were taking a responsible role in the environmental movement, I inspected the sale tag of one neon-tangerine T-shirt with an elephant on it which read "protect me" to see which organization the store was donating their profits to. My excitement quickly turned to disgust as I discovered that there was no information stating any amount of proceeds going to an elephant protection group; nor was the T-shirt made from organic cotton. My inner-environmentalist wanted to tear down the display of false eco-friendly advertising and complain to management. Instead, I was reasonable and left the store immediately, knowing that my comments would be wasted, and I found myself desperately wanting to change the false concern for the environment in the fashion world.

Before transferring to the School of Environmental Studies (SES) in Apple Valley, Minn., for my junior year in high school, I was set on pursuing a career in fashion merchandising and marketing. However, while attending SES, my eyes were opened to the not-so-glamorous side of the fashion industry. Many textiles are manufactured with large amounts of fertilizers and petroleum, which are not only unhealthy for the environment, but also for the factory workers and those who wear the clothing. It takes almost one-third of a pound of pesticides and fertilizers to grow enough cotton for just one T-shirt. And according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, numerous pesticides used to produce clothing fabrics have been linked to the development of carcinogens.

Even after clothes have been discarded in landfills, they continue to have a negative impact on the environment. Products containing synthetic, man-made fibers will not decompose; and while woolen garments do, they produce methane gas, which contributes to global warming. Furthermore, many of these clothing retailers use sweatshops in order to achieve the highest profit possible. According to the organization Sweatshop Watch, a "sweatshop" is a workplace that violates human rights by subjecting workers to extreme exploitation, poor working conditions and umwarranted discipline. It has been estimated that thousands of factories employ tens of millions of workers for sweatshop labor in over 200 countries. Sadly, this number will continue to increase in a world of corporations that exploit children as well as adults for profit. Wal-Mart, Nike and other corporations are known for using this slave labor, and have often been accused of forcing overtime, locking the bathrooms, providing insufficient wages, and denying access to health care.

After being informed of these startling facts, I was convinced that it would be impossible for me to have a successful career in the fashion world while still upholding my strong environmental values. However, after doing some research on "eco-fashion" I realized that I do not need to sacrifice fashion and style for the environment. I can easily reduce my ecological footprint, and look stylish while doing so, by purchasing sustainable clothing. Since that particular shopping experience at the Mall of America, I have made a strict commitment to refuse to purchase clothing from stores that employ sweatshop labor and use harmful chemicals in their clothing. I have also found a unique style for myself, and a way to support the recycling of fabric, by shopping at vintage and secondhand clothing stores.

Looking into the future, I am determined to work with companies that make a positive impact on the local and global communities and the environment. Rather than associating myself with those who exploit their workers, I want to work for a company that upholds a strict system of economic moral values. These values would include purchasing and using materials that are sustainable in the environment, and giving back time and money to people in need. While I know that I may not be able to change the practices of the entire fashion industry singlehandedly, I can choose to follow my own values and set an example that others will hopefully follow.

You, the individual reading this article, do not need to sacrifice fashion and style for the environment, either. Make the decision to purchase vintage, secondhand and sustainable clothing. Buying vintage lowers production of harmful pesticides that are used on the crops to make the fabrics, as well as protecting the farmers and their families from being exposed to harmful chemicals. And for us starving college students, vintage and second-hand clothing is also a perfect way to add a boost to your wardrobe inexpensively. Vintage or secondhand clothing is often made out of unique fabrics such as wools and silks, with amazing details like unique and intricate beading that are often only found in high-end designer boutiques. You can easily show off your distinctive personality and look fantastic.

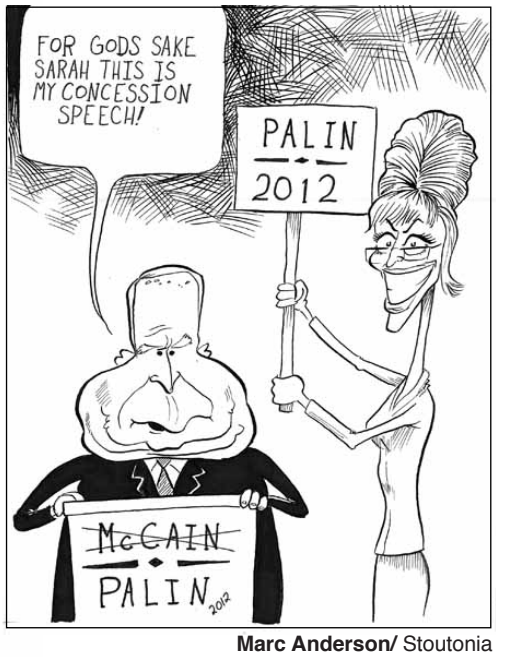
If vintage fashion just isn't your style, there are several other steps you can take to play an active role in the environmentally-friendly fashion movement. It has been estimated that 85 percent of recyclable clothes are needlessly thrown out. Never throw out any of your clothing, always recycle it. Whether you recycle your clothing to a chic vintage shop or to Salvation Army, you will be donating your clothes to a worthy cause and to someone who truly needs it. You can also buy clothes that are made in an environmentally-friendly manner. The easiest way to begin this transition is to buy organic cotton. Organically-grown crops use less fossil fuel than conventional crops, which is another benefit in the fight to reduce global warming. There are numerous clothing manufactures that also make their clothing from sustainable fabrics, such as bamboo, soy or polyester made from recycled plastics. And even if you have been eyeing those awesome new Nikes for months, refuse to support corporations that practice sweatshop labor.

The reality and perils of global warming have finally broken through the walls of the surrounding mainstream collective consciousness and have become a hot topic of discussion. We can all pitch in towards making a healthier, brighter and more stylish future for the next generation.

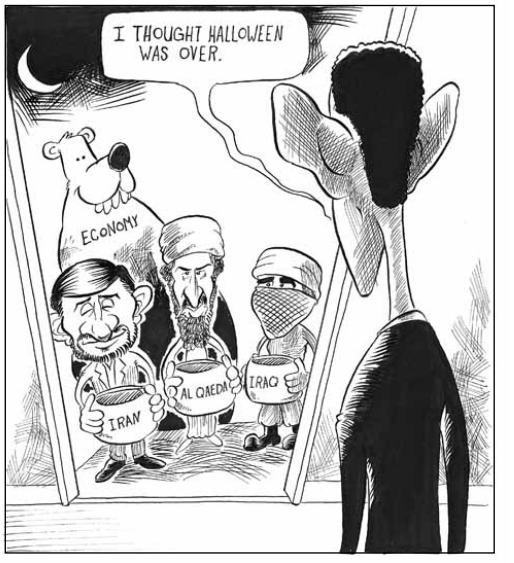
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Flurry of goals lead to strong season start

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

The theme of the season this year for the Blue Devils hockey team is coming from behind. Even though most teams prefer to grab a lead and hold it, it is important to know that however far behind that victory is, it is never out of reach.

Over the course of the past two weeks the offensive firepower has been on full display, even though there were two tough losses down the stretch.

The first contest of a three-game road trip started in the Twin Cities where they faced the Auggies of Augsburg University. The Blue Devils had to come from behind again and they did it this time in whirlwind fashion as they netted five consecutive goals to end the game with a 7-4 victory. University of Wisconsin-Stout started the game off right with a 2-0 lead in the early minutes of the first period but the Auggies shot back with some offensive power of their own as they scored four consecutive goals.

However, that feat would be matched and raised with the five goals of UW-Stout in the latter parts of the game. Senior Derek Hanson picked up his second hat trick of the season and freshmen Joel Whited and Matt Morin each scored their first career goals. The contributions of the two frosh give the fans something to look forward to in the future.



Photographed by Layne Pitt

Its next opponent wasn't too far off in distance as UW-Stout only had to travel a few miles to a different arena in St. Paul where the opponent this time was Hamline University.

Hamline is the defending conference champion in the MIAC and they played as such during the entire course of the game. With an early 2-0 lead that later changed to 4-0, Hamline controlled the tempo of the game and did not allow the Blue Devils to summon their come-from-behind magic.

Danny Ryan and Jeff Wheeler picked up goals in the 4-2 loss, the first of the season for UW-Stout. The goal by Ryan was his first as a Blue Devil.

After suffering their first defeat of the season, the Blue Devils decided they didn't like the sour taste that a loss leaves so they brought the house when they took on the Northland College Lumberjacks. During the course of an 11-2 victory, it was hard for any member of the team to stay off the stat sheet. Nine players had either a goal or an assist and two players, Nick Klaren and Scott Molz, had hat-tricks.

All-Americans Jack Wolgemuth and Derek Hanson had five and four assists, respectively. What allowed this offensive outburst was a staggering 60 shots on goal to the 15 that Northland managed. Keeping the puck in the opponents end allowed for this dominating victory.

After such a long time away from home, UW-Stout was eager to play in front of its home crowd again at the Dunn County Ice Arena. The opponent, Gustavus Adolphus, played its way to a victory after the come-from-behind magic failed to show itself yet again. Midway through the second, UW-Stout held a 3-1 lead when Mount Gustavus erupted. Four consecutive goals were scored by the Gusties that gave them a 5-3 lead heading into the third. UW-Stout was able to tie the game in the third but after committing a penalty that left them shorthanded, Gustavus capitalized on the power play opportunity that gave them a 6-5 lead that eventually stood as the final score.

Heading back to Minnesota, the Blue Devils went to face their third Minnesota opponent on the road which was a solid St. Olaf squad. The game was filled with whistles and penalties, however, as UW-Stout committed a minimum of three penalties per period with a total of 11 overall.

The Blue Devils didn't let their shorthanded status cost them the game, however, as they were able to pick up two shorthanded goals, courtesy of Robert Carr and Andy Sternberg. Scott Motz added their final goal of the game which turned out to be the game-winner as a St. Olaf player scored with only three seconds remaining. The final score was 4-3.



Photographed by Layne Pitt

UW-Stout begins Western Collegiate Hockey Association play when they host the University of Wisconsin-Superior at the Dunn County Ice Arena on Friday Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. For the season they are at 5-2.

UW-Stout OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Courtney Tideman

This five-foot eight-inch freshman defender from Sartell, Minn. is an interior design major. In her spare time, Tideman enjoys playing sports, traveling, camping and being with friends and family. In high school she was a three-year all-conference player and was a two-year section champion.

Tideman was recently named to the 2008 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference soccer team. Although Tideman didn't tally any reportable statistics throughout the year, her value to the team showed up on the field as the Blue Devils recorded five shutouts throughout the season. Of the five shutouts recorded, three were consecutive. At the beginning of the season, the Blue Devils rallied to stay above .500 but began to falter as the season progressed.

The UW-Stout soccer team finished the season at 6-11-2 overall, 3-3-2 in the WIAC.



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Rushing attack grounds Eagles, Warhawks squeak out a W

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Coming off one of its more impressive victories of the season, the Blue Devils football team had just put together a successful blueprint on how to defeat any team. The good thing for the University of Wisconsin-Stout is that the team made copies of that blueprint and handed them out all over the locker room. Just a week after posting his first 200-yard rushing game, running back Craig Warminski stepped up his efforts again with his second consecutive performance of doubling the century mark on the ground. Showing that he didn't miss the memo, defensive end Marcus Ball decided that Warminski wouldn't be the only player with a repeat performance. Ball recorded another 3.5 sacks to bring his season total to 11.5, which is also the top in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The first half of the ball game left fans wondering where the team that dominated the University of Wisconsin-River Falls was. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse was using effective blocking in the run game to spring running back Reid Oldenburg to two early first-half touchdowns, one of these coming on a 77-yard scamper that resulted in six. It appeared that the Eagles were running on all cylinders for the opening quarter but the seemingly lethargic UW-Stout offense began to grind sticks together that ultimately lit a fire which led to a 20-yard Kyle Martin field goal.

After watching the first half of play, it seemed unlikely for Warminski to repeat his record-setting day but the phrase "famine, famine, feast" played into effect for what was about to happen in the second half of play. The "famine, famine" portion of that saying represents the inability to run the ball despite trying many times to do so. This was a common practice in the first half but with every down (first half) there must be an up (second half).

The preparation of the feast had just begun after UW-Stout went three-and-out on its first possession of the second half. The Eagles running back coughed up the ball which was recovered by Marcus Ball at the UW-La Crosse 25-yard line. The offense took the ball and capitalized on the excellent field position with another Martin field goal and trimmed the deficit to 14-6. The UW-Stout defense answered the call on the next drive and gave the ball back to the offense after a UW-La Crosse three-and-out. The next UW-Stout drive progressed as smoothly as a warm knife through butter as the Warminski train began to pick up steam.

The drive was capped off when Kyle Provos hit tight end Patrick Menglekoch for a five-yard score. The touchdown reception was Menglekoch's team-leading fifth of the year. The team tried to go for two in an attempt to tie the game at 14 apiece but were denied as a Provos pass fell incomplete to leave the score at 14-12 in favor of La Crosse.

After the first half of play that saw its offense seemingly drive the ball at will, UW-La Crosse seemed to be out of gas in the second half as the UW-Stout defensive line began winning the battle up front that translated into a shutout of the UW-La Crosse offense since it last scored a touchdown early in the second quarter. Seeing the opportunity to take the lead against a team that was slowly shutting down, the Blue Devils played good old fashioned ball control offense as they rode the legs of Warminski on a 14-play, 87-yard drive that ate seven minutes of time off the clock. The drive ended when Warminski scored from five yards out on a first-and-goal. The team went for two points again and this time was successful as Provos connected with wide out Dan Lytle to give UW-Stout a 20-14 lead with 7:11 left in the game.



Photographed by Bruce DeMorrow
UW-Stout junior Shay Lehman anticipates an upcoming UW-La Crosse play.



Photographed by Bruce DeMorrow
UW-Stout junior quarterback Kyle Provos hands off the football against UW-La Crosse on November 1.

Once the Eagles got the ball back, they were determined to get themselves back in the game and they weren't about to let the UW-Stout defense stop them. Little did they know the defense was playing with a bend but not break mentality that allowed the Eagles to drive the ball deep into UW-Stout territory. The defense finally shut the door when a second down pass from UW-La Crosse quarterback Nick Anker was picked off in the end zone by Kendall Wade. That was his second interception in as many games.

The offense got the ball back with three minutes and change left on the clock and with the lead it played clock control as it attempted to run out the time. Warminski was the main man on this drive as well but he had other ideas when it came to running out the clock.

UW-Stout was able to chew two minutes off the clock before Warminski burst through a gaping hole and rumbled 71 yards for the game-clinching score. Another two-point attempt by Trevor Fiege was stopped short and UW-Stout held a 26-14 lead that wouldn't change before the clock hit zero. With his final run of 71 yards, Warminski had amassed 200 rushing yards for the second consecutive game. For his efforts, Marcus Ball was awarded his second straight WIAC player of the week award and D3football.com team of the week award.

Heading into their contest against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the Blue Devils knew they would be playing their most difficult opponent to date. UW-Whitewater was ranked sixth in the Division III coaches polls and are the defending national champions. In order to pick up a victory the Blue Devils needed to play with care and realize that the margin of error is very small when playing such a consistent force like UW-Whitewater.

Things didn't quite get off to the start that the Blue Devils were looking for as they lost the opening coin toss and then preceded to watch the Warhawk offense march down the field for an opening drive touchdown. It seemed that UW-Whitewater was on pace for another blowout but both teams settled down as the UW-Stout defense began playing up to its season-long potential.

During the second quarter the Warhawks were able to get on the board again as Aaron Rusch caught a 39-yard pass from quarterback Bruce Langer to extend the Warhawk lead to 14-0. Both UW-Whitewater touchdown drives consisted of deep pass completions. The rest of the second quarter was uneventful as both teams failed to produce any points, leaving the halftime score at 14-0 in favor of UW-Whitewater.

In the early goings of the third quarter the Warhawks tacked on their final points of the day with a 46-yard field goal, extending their lead to 17-0. That field goal drive left UW-Stout wanting some three point action of its own and was able to push the ball downfield for its first scoring drive of the day and a fourteen-point deficit.

The first Blue Devil touchdown came midway through the fourth quarter when Kyle Provos hooked up with first-time target Nate Schoenecker for his first career touchdown as a Blue Devil. This put the score at 17-10, a very manageable situation for UW-Stout and its players.

On the ensuing UW-Whitewater possession, the Warhawks marched deep into UW-Stout territory looking to put the game away but defensive back Brock Stimson made a clutch interception that gave the Blue Devils the chance they were looking for. The offense, however, wasn't able to capitalize on this opportunity and punted the ball away.

After forcing a three-and-out, the UW-Stout defense once again gave its offense a chance to win the game. With little time left in the game, the only way to achieve a win would be the arm of Provos and the hands of his receivers. UW-Stout got as far as the UW-Whitewater 19 yard line but a Provos pass to Dan Lytle in the end zone fell incomplete as time expired.

With the loss, the Blue Devils fell to 5-4 with a 3-3 conference record. They play their final game of the season at home against UW-Eau Claire for the annual Senior Day game. It will take place on Saturday Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.

UW-Stout men's basketball season underway

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team is looking to improve after its sub-par performance during the 2007-08 season. The team finished with a record of 7-19 ranking it eighth and second-to-last just ahead of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Jennel Enerson-Matthews, a junior and two-time letterman from Anoka, Minn. is the leading returning scorer for the Blue Devils, averaging 13 points per game last season. Enerson-Matthews was nearly 40 percent from behind the 3-point line and 42 percent on his field goal shooting.

Not far behind him was senior guard Alex Mason from St. Paul who averaged nine points per game and played in all 26 games. Mason also led the team in assists, steals and minutes played. The team will miss the contributions made by Miles Webb, who was the team's leading scorer and rebounder last season.

Josh Donald, Joshua Huettl, Eric Hostetter and Brandon White-Blackmon all started games for UW-Stout last season and are ready to make a bigger impact this season.

White-Blackmon, Donald and Huettl all participated in more than 20 games but did not start in over 10 of them.

The Blue Devils are adding three freshmen from Minnesota who they hope can come in and make an impact: Boris Brnic from Coon Rapids, Jordan Nelson from Maple Grove and Drew Kramer from Anoka.

All three were captains of their high school teams, and Kramer was an All-American nominee. Brnic set the school records at his high school for the most 3-pointers made in one game, and also for the most 3-pointers made in one season. His outside shooting ability will be a factor in securing him a spot in the rotation.

UW - Stout had its work cut out for it in the WIAC as it finished 4-12 in conference play. UW–Whitewater was the team of the conference last year finishing with an overall record of 24-5. Coach Eddie Andrist and his squad feel no pressure to overtake the reigning conference champs, but feel that they can make strides in the WIAC.

The Blue Devils will tip-off their season against Buena Vista University. Buena Vista is located in Storm Lake, Iowa and is ranked eighth in the D3hoops.com national preseason poll. The Buena Vista Beavers made it to the Sweet Sixteen in the Division III tournament before their season ended.

The first test for the Blue Devils will take place Saturday, Nov. 15 at 5p.m in Johnson Field House here in Menomonie. After a tournament in Waverly, Iowa at Wartburg College and another tournament that the Blue Devils will host, they will start WIAC conference play against the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire. UW-Stout will travel to San Juan in December to participate in the Puerto Rico tournament where they will face Goucher College and the College of the Ozarks.

When they return, it will be strictly conference play until the end of the season.



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UW-Stout junior Joshua Huettl drives to the hoop against Lakehead Univers ity on Nov. 1.

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Soccer season concludes

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

The Blue Devils women's soccer team completed what turned out to be a roller-coaster ride of a season. With a final record of 6-11-3, it wouldn't appear that there were many bright spots of the season, but there were, indeed, many.

The double-digit total in the loss column was due to a tough road schedule and equally difficult non-conference schedule. Among the shining points of the season were a 5-2-1 record at home, matching up equally in goals scored and goals allowed, and two double-digit scorers in Katie Ness and Jessica Price. Price and Ness will be back for the next two years to improve on those numbers.

In the final two games of their season the Blue Devils finished how they started, with two straight losses.

The second to the last game was against Hamline University for the home season finale, before the opening round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference playoffs. For the duration of the game, both defenses were playing to their fullest potential.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout goalie Taylor Randle was doing her part until the 85th minute when a wave of Hamline defenders broke through the defense and sank a shot toward the back of the net to give Hamline the deciding goal in its 1-0 victory.

Since the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse had defeated the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in its season finale, UW-La Crosse ended up being UW-Stout's first opponent in the conference tournament.

Seeing how the first regular season match-up between UW-La Crosse and UW-Stout ended in a scoreless tie, the possibility of an offensive eruption seemed slim.

The chance of either team being shutout ended in the 15th minute when a UW-La Crosse player scored. UW-Stout answered within the next five minutes with a goal of its own when leading scorer Jessica Price scored.

The final goal of the game was scored by UW-La Crosse with a little over 10 minutes remaining in the first half. Both defenses tightened up after the intermission, but UW-Stout was not able to mount a comeback and ended up falling 2-1 in the season finale.

While a deep run in the playoffs never materialized, this team should have no ill feelings toward the 2008 season. Many players scored their first goals, including several seniors, and there was a balanced offensive attack that continued to develop as the season wore on.

With the valuable experience that the underclassmen received and the advice and skills they learned from upperclassmen who will be going their different ways, next year's team should be one well-improved squad.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 5-2
The Blue Devils hockey team has bounced back from a high-scoring loss to Gustavus Adolphus 6-5. The Blue Devils started the game strong but began to falter, allowing three consecutive goals in the second period. They managed to put together a late game rally but fell short. On Saturday Nov. 8, the Blue Devils played against St. Olaf College. UW-Stout won the game 4-3 thanks to the stick of Scott Motz. When the game concluded, Motz lead the Blue Devils with two points.

Next game: (Home) Against UW-Superior on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.



Blue Devil Football

Record: 5-4
The Blue Devils football team has been on a winning streak as of recently. However, the winning streak was put on hold as the team was defeated 17-10 by UW-Whitewater on Nov. 8. UW-Whitewater got out to an early lead and never looked back, scoring 17 consecutive points. The Blue Devils battled back in the third and fourth quarter to cut UW-Whitewaters lead to one possession. Unfortunately their efforts were too little too late.

Next game: (Home: Senior Day) against UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Record: 6-11-3
The UW-Stout women's soccer teams' season has officially come to an end. It had its ups and downs throughout the season but inevitably ended with a losing record. Although the season ended less than ideal, many freshmen have emerged as starters and provide a bright future for the Blue Devils future team. Freshman Courtney Tideman was recently named to the 2008 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference soccer team.

Next game: Season has concluded.

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Community

Thursday, November 13

Scotland Program Speaker
1 p.m.
Ballroom B, MSC

Portfolios Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

"The Hmong of China
– History identity and globalization"
7 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Kayak Roll Clinic
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Saturday, November 15

International Dinner
Cultural Exhibit: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Crystal Ballrooms, MSC
Cultural Show and Fashion Show: 5:30 pm
Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, November 18

Traditional Thanksgiving Feast
4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commons
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tainter

Resumes and Cover Letters Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

London Summer Art Informational Session
5 p.m. Northwoods Room, MSC

Wednesday, November 19

Job Searching Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Women's Climbing Night
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Thursday, November 20

Interviewing Workshop
4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 103, Administration Building

Oxfam Hunger Banquet
5 p.m.
Crystal Ballrooms, MSC

Friday, November 21

American Red Cross Wilderness
First Aid Certification
6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 21, 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m. on Nov. 22
Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Break Begins, No Classes

Entertainemt

Thursday, November 13

Play: Brighton Beach Memoirs
7:30 p.m.
Harvey Hall Theatre, Menomonie

Play: Arsenic & Old Lace
7:30 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Open Mic Night
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, November 14

Batman: The Dark Knight
7 p.m.
Room 210, Applied Arts

Play: Brighton Beach Memoirs
7:30 p.m.
Harvey Hall Theatre, Menomonie

Play: Arsenic & Old Lace
7:30 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, November 15

Play: Brighton Beach Memoirs
7:30 p.m.
Harvey Hall Theatre, Menomonie

Play: Arsenic & Old Lace
7:30 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Sunday, November 16

Batman: The Dark Knight
4 p.m.
Room 210, Applied Arts

Play: Arsenic & Old Lace
2 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, November 17

Comedy Club
7 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Cloud Cult with Greycoats
8 p.m.
The Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, November 18

The Niche Fashion Show
12:10 p.m.
The Niche, Home Economics Building

Wednesday, November 19

Comedian: Will Marfori
8 p.m.
Huffs, MSC

Thursday, November 20

The Wars of 1812 with The Softrocks
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, November 21

Musical: The Little Mermaid
7 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – Silent Film
7 p.m.
Blind Munchies Coffeehouse,
Menomonie

Saturday, November 22

Musical: The Little Mermaid
2 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

A Cappela: Up Til 2
8 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics

Friday, November 14

Hockey vs. UW-Superior
7:30 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Saturday, November 15

Men's and Women's Cross Country
at NCAA Regionals
Men's: 11 a.m., Women's: Noon
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Football vs. UW-Eau Claire
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5 p.m.
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Women's Basketball vs. North
Central IL at St. Norbert Tournament
5:30 p.m.
DePere, WI

Hockey vs. St. Scholastica
7:30 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Friday, November 21

Men's Basketball vs. Bethany Lutheran
at Wartburg Tourney
6 p.m.
Waverly, IA

Hockey vs. UW-Steven's Point
7:30 p.m.
Steven's Point, WI

Saturday, November 22

Men's and Women's Cross Country
at NCAA Championships
Men's: 11 a.m., Women's: Noon
Hanover, IN

Men's Basketball at Wartburg Tourney
6 p.m., 8 p.m.
Waverly, IA

Hockey vs. UW-Eau Claire
7:30 p.m.
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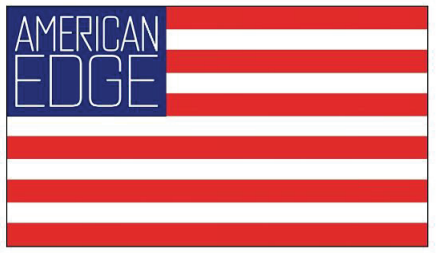
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1	1	119 West Main Street #1	$285	$285	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, close to campus and downtown	3
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1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	EA
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	EA
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apartment, parking, storage, lawn care included	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	$385	$385	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$330	$165	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	921 Main Street #2	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Good location, parking, nice-sized rooms, porch	4
2	1	921 Main Street #4	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
2	1	1506 6th Street	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	1415 4th Street West	$425	$213	n/a	n/a	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	D
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street	$425	$213	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	421 13th Avenue West	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	$480	$240	n/a	n/a	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl.	4
2	1	1502 10th Street	$530	$265	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
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3	2	421 13th Ave W	$775	$259	n/a	n/a	Nice house, large rooms, parking & lawn care included	H
4	1	915 Main Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4	1	1606 10th Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	New siding, W/D hook-ups, new flooring, off-street parking	H
4	1	1809 6th Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	New flooring throughout, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
4	1	1120 15th Avenue	$620	$155	$790	$198	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$800	$200	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$720	$180	$900	$225	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	$800	$200	$975	$244	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	2	1319 8th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1600 10th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
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4	1	2235 South Broadway	$920	$230	$1,120	$280	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
4	2	400 18th Avenue	$1,040	$260	$1,240	$310	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	$660	$132	$860	$172	Very large rooms, washer/dryer, nice yard, parking	D
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	$700	$140	$900	$180	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, parking	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	1115 17th Avenue	$800	$160	$1,000	$200	Great house, complete remodel, large rooms, washer/dryer	H
5	2	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	$1,200	$240	$1,450	$290	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
6	2	504 10th Street	$900	$150	$1,180	$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,100	$183	$1,350	$225	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	$1,280	$213	$1,560	$260	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$1,225	$175	$1,485	$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H

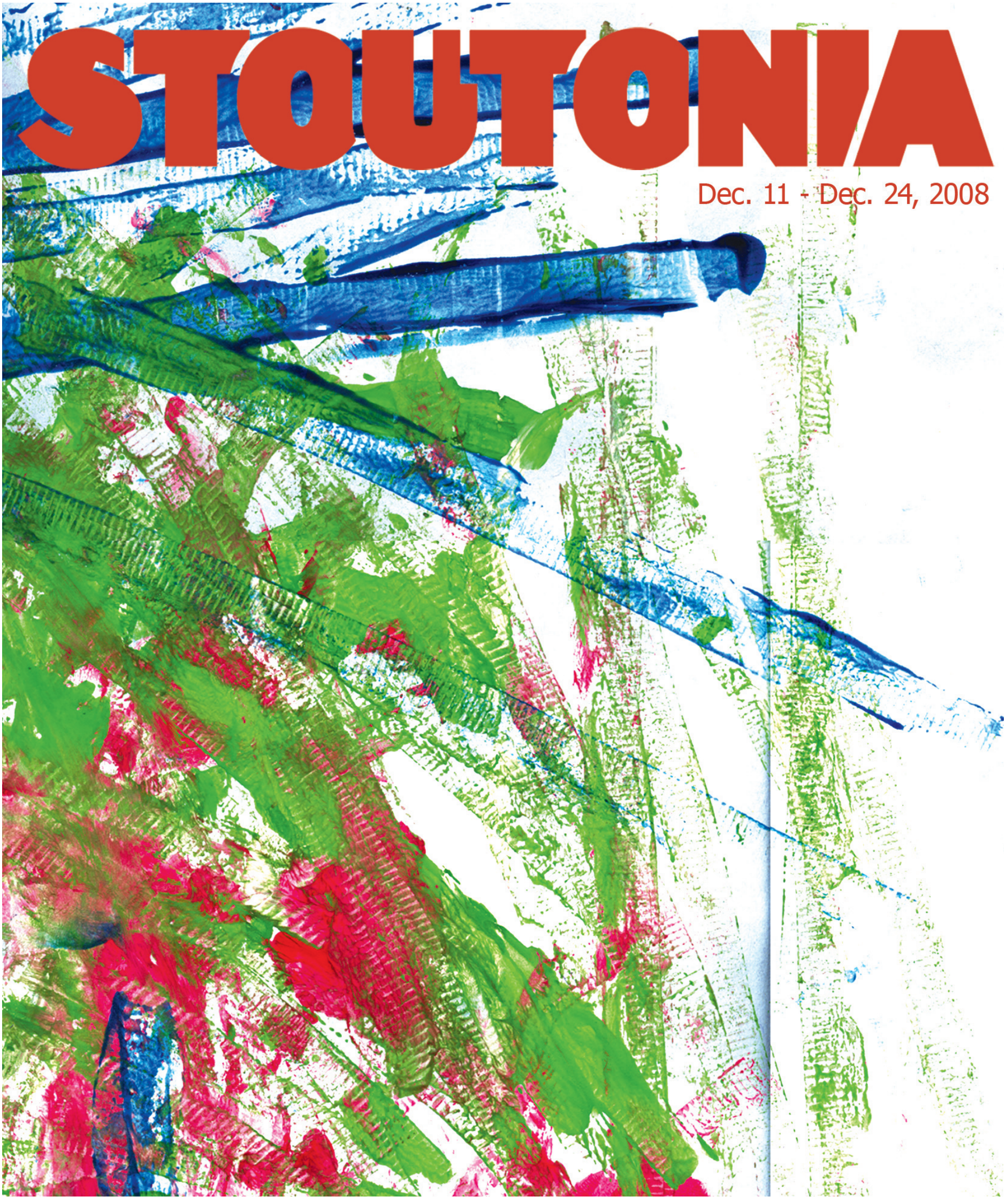
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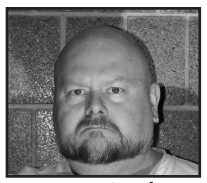
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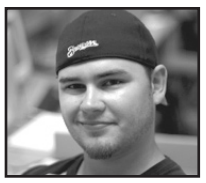




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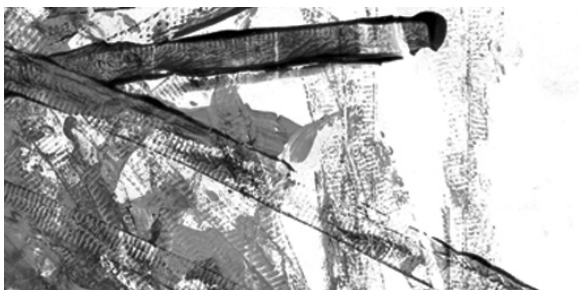
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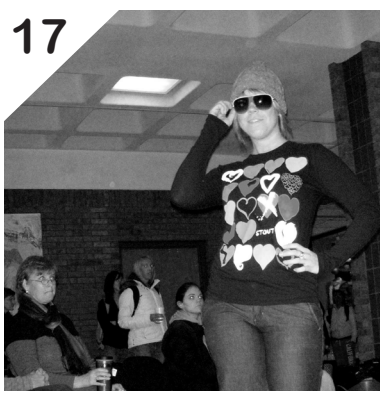
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Give Kids the World and maybe some pancakes

Danielle Olson
News editor

Students in the Living and Learning communities of Curran-Kranzusch and South residence halls learned some serving skills Dec. 8.

The students served tables at Perkins restaurant from 5 to 8 p.m. with all of the tips and donations during that time going to fund a winter break alternative for the students. The community has the opportunity to help with Give Kids the World, a service program for children in Kissimmee, Fla.



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia
Leah Wetzel, a sophomore in applied math and computer science (left), and Nicole Landucci, a graduate student in school counseling, served tables as all donations and tips gathered were given to the service organization.

"The trip is from Jan. 9 to 15 and students help cook, serve, run the train and overall help volunteer with the children and put on the daily special parties," said Michelle Hargrave, Curran-Kranzusch Hall Director.

"Give Kids the World is a resort for children with life-threatening illnesses and their parents to stay for free," said Hargrave. "It has a giant gingerbread house, movie theater, a castle of activities, a carousel and much more for the children."

Give Kids the World's Web site states that it is a 70-acre resort filled with accommodations, attractions and fun all designed for children with special needs.

"Perkins is Give Kids the World's national sponsor, so we just called them up and asked if they'd be interested in fundraising for the event," said Hargrave.

The Service, Advocacy Volunteerism and You (SAVY) Living and Learning Community is an option to students living in the dorms, much like a quiet/study floor. "The community aims at giving students an interest in their civic duty and reinforce community involvement that they will hopefully take with them for the rest of their lives," said Hargrave.



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia
Curran-Kranzusch and South residence hall students and Curran-Kranzusch Hall Director Michelle Hargrave fundraise for Give Kids the World at the Menomonie Perkin's restaurant Dec. 8.

"This spring, we hope to continue working with the food pantry and humane society," said Hargrave. "We have one to two projects a month, with other consistent options like the food pantry."

"We really take more away from the event than what we give," said Hargrave. "It's easy to take life for granted, but with this experience students learn to appreciate what they have."

The babies in the buggy | where do they come from?



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia
Early Childhood Education students push their little students around campus.

Danielle Olson
News editor

Every wonder where those cute babies in that big red buggy come from?

Students in the early childhood education program have a chance to put all their class-learned skills to practical use. "The program's 300 students graduate with certification to teach students from birth to age eight, or third grade," said Kari Merritt, the early childhood education program director.

"What's really cool about our program is that students can add on post-graduate certification as an online program, so that they can teach higher grades," said Merritt. Before students graduate, they must complete an internship, which is where the lab school comes in. "Students and teachers work on the curriculum for the children," said Merritt. "This gives the students a chance to apply what they learn in their courses."

"The lab school is a daycare for younger children, and also partners with Menomonie public schools in a pre-kindergarten program," said Merritt.

So, whose kids are in the program? "Students, faculty, staff and other community members all have children in the program," said Merritt. "This is especially a good option for students because it is affordable and lets students stop by and interact with their children."

"We have great students in the program who really want to work with children," said Merritt. "Students say that the University of Wisconsin-Stout really prepared them to be successful in their teaching careers."

For more information on the early childhood education program, go to: http://www.uwstout.edu/programs/bsece/.



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia
A child taught by students of the early childhood education program paints in her classroom.

Sustainable Stout

Show your support for "Sustainability at Stout"

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

A recent video is creating a huge buzz on campus.

"Sustainability at Stout," a three-minute video created by Senior Media Specialist Bill Wikrent in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Stout Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee, focuses on what the UW-Stout is doing to be more environmentally sustainable.

The video was created for Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming, a video competition. The school with the highest-ranking video will win grant money and the opportunity to be in the Chill Out multimedia broadcast in April 2009. This broadcast will highlight the winning schools and present climate change panel discussions.

Featured in the video is the 2007-2008 RecycleMania Contest that placed UW-Stout 12th in the nation for waste minimization.

Also featured is Chancellor Sorensen's signature on the American College and University's Presidents Climate Commitment.

All faculty and students are encouraged to rank the video at: http://www.gogreentube.com/watch.php?v=NDgwMjQ3.

UW-Stout's sustainable future in question

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

Five weeks after Raina Clark resigned from her position as University of Wisconsin-Stout Sustainability Coordinator, the future of the Stout Sustainability Steering Committee still hangs in the air.

Despite Clark's departure, the steering committee is still charged under the College President's Climate Commitment and state and federal government mandates to deliver a sustainability action plan to Chancellor Sorenseon by the end of the 2008-2009 academic year.

This action plan will assess the areas in which UW-Stout could improve its sustainability. These areas include energy, transportation and dining services, among others.

On Nov. 7, Vice Chancellor Diane Moen presented a possible solution for completing the action plan by bringing Johnson Controls, a consulting firm, to the UW-Stout campus.

Johnson Controls, whose Power Solutions Headquarters is based out of Green Bay, Wis., helped the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh create its own sustainable action plan after one day of brainstorming and development, in coordination with UW-Oshkosh sustainability stakeholders.

The cost for Johnson Controls to come to UW-Stout for one day of brainstorming and development is $10,000. In a steering committee meeting on Nov. 21, some committee members discussed how the fee for Johnson Controls should instead be invested in using committee resources to finish the action plan and possibly hire another sustainability coordinator to help the committee finish its charge.

After looking at the plan Johnson Controls developed for UW-Oshkosh, there is concern amongst steering committee members that Johnson Controls only created a generic project matrix from a plan UW-Oshkosh had already created.

Another concern among committee members is how the action plan will be implemented after Johnson Controls leaves, as the plan for UW-Oshkosh contained no information of how the action plan should be managed.

Steering committee members and coordinators of the UW-Stout Sustainable Technology Energy Center suggested that the best procedure for the steering committee is to write an environmental policy and to create a management plan with top objectives and targets.

A meeting to address these concerns between the steering committee and Vice Chancellor Diane Moen has been scheduled for Dec. 8.

Location, location, location

Weighing the pros and cons of local foods

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The saying goes, "you are what you eat," but do you know from where you eat?

Jim Handley, a professor in the University of Wisconsin-Stout social sciences department, feels one of the keys to economic and environmental sustainability is purchasing local foods.

He defined local foods as, "coming from within the community, whether that is Menomonie, Dunn County or Wisconsin. Wisconsin is one of the most threatened areas in the country due to urban sprawl and water issues. Farmers are having a hard time…so if we can support farmers here in the local community, we can help support the local economy," said Handley.

Handley noted that UW-Stout would be an excellent resource for supporting the local economy by bringing more seasonal, local foods onto campus. Not only would this give an economic boost to the community, but it would also be one more way in which UW-Stout became more environmentally sustainable.

One of the ideas of sustainability is that your input meets your output. Handley stated that it's a sustainable food system if, "between planting, growing, harvesting, processing, transporting and marketing, we put in more energy than we get out of the food… that is absolutely, positively, not sustainable."

Jim Selz, the Assistant Director for the University Dining Services, stated that they are already obtaining local foods from the greater community.

"We buy what is the most feasibly closest to us. All of our potatoes and onions are grown and produced in Wisconsin. General Mills and Sara Lee are Minnesota companies and we get all of our breads and cereals from them. Most of our beef is processed in Rochester, Minn. or in La Crosse, Wis., and the cows themselves come from the Midwest. Our dairy is processed in Rochester by Kemps and all of Kemps's milk comes from Minnesota and Wisconsin All of our fresh chicken is Gold 'n Plump from Arcadia, Wis. and all of our frozen chicken comes from Brakebush, a family-owned processing plant from southern Wisconsin."

Handley agreed that UDS is already purchasing some local foods, but he feels that as a university we could be doing more. He stated, "As far as volume goes, you can't have all locally grown food on campus. That is not feasible because of quantity and because certain foods are not in season all year. But, when we can get seasonal local foods and use them on campus, even if it is a small amount, it is criminal that we don't."

On the same topic, Selz said: "There are some things customers really like that are not produced in Wisconsin or some things that we can't obtain locally because the growing seasons are too short.

"It is one thing to go to a little market and as an individual to buy a few pounds of tomatoes, but when we need 500 pounds of tomatoes in the off-season and they have to be

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Marc Anderson/Stoutonia

How throwing a food fight & giving trees can help others this holiday

Alyssa Anttila
Staff Writer

The Involvement and Leadership Office and StoutReach Program are sponsoring two holiday activities this season that staff, faculty and students can be a part of.

Beginning December 1, a not so typical Food Fight will be happening between all UW-Stout students and Staff. The Food Fight is a challenge between students, faculty and staff to see who can collect the most non-perishable food items and money, which will be donated to the Dunn County's Interfaith Food Pantry.

Most needed items:

Boxed or canned dinner
canned fruits and vegetables
healthy cereals
tuna
peanut butter
canned soup
pasta products
spaghetti sauce
pancake mix
syrup
oatmeal
juices
paper towels
bath tissue

"This is our first year doing this project," said Geoff Albrecht, a business administration senior. "We are trying to raise at least 10,000 pounds of food."

The food fight will last until December 12, and the winner will be the group that has accumulated the most points or food items. For example, each non-perishable item is worth 1 point, a preferred list item is 1.5 points and each dollar donated is worth 2 points.

"We are trying to raise as much money and food as possible," said Albrecht. "There are a lot more families this year that need help, and everyone needs food."

According to an article in the Menomonie News Bureau, traffic at the pantry has increased by nearly 30 percent since the beginning of the year and is now serving over 500 families.

Food donations will be collected in the Arcade Lounge, which is located between the Underground and Pawn in the Memorial Student Center. Any money donations can be dropped off at the Service Center or Underground desks.

"There is about 5 times as many students as there is faculty, we should be able to beat them if everyone tries," said Albrecht. "The winner will have bragging rights for a year."

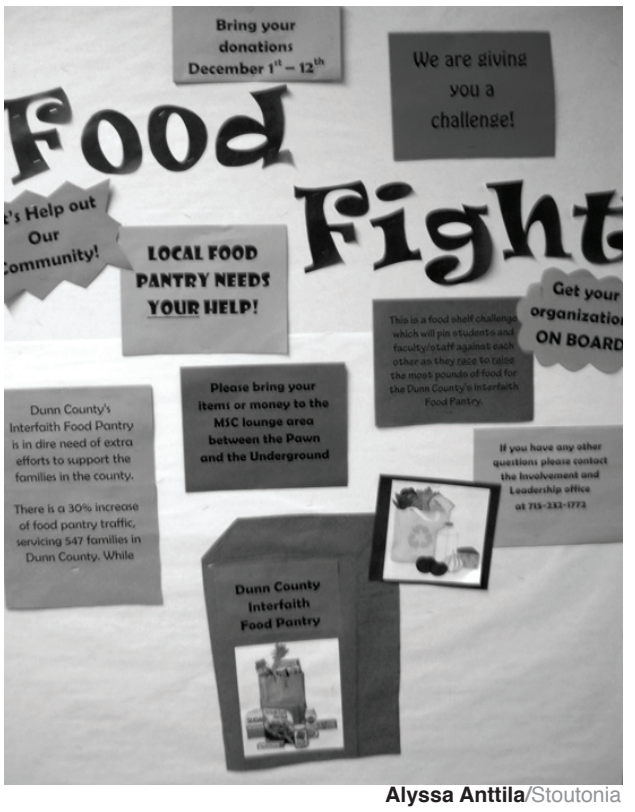
In addition to the Food Fight occurring in December, the SOC is also sponsoring their 13th annual Holiday Giving Tree event.

"We team up with United Way to provide needy children of Dunn County gifts for the holiday season," said Jen Hogan, program coordinator. "We get a list of families or gifts families need and then we try to find people to purchase them."

Students, staff and faculty can participate in the giving tree by simply filling out a form at the service desk confirming they would like to purchase a gift. Then, the person is in charge of getting the gift and returning it by December 9.

Hogan noted some of the top gifts on the list included books, craft kits, Hannah Montana stuff, jewelry, mp3 players, Xbox games, Disney movies and toddler games. The age range of individuals ranges from 3 months to 14 years.

"We've had a lot of good results in the past," said Hogan. "It's a great way for students or organizations to get involved and give back to the community. Every family deserves a happy holiday."



Alyssa Anttila/Stoutonia

The Food Fight between UW-Stout students and faculty and staff will collect non-perishable food items and money to be donated to Dunn County's Interfaith Food Pantry.

The goal this year for the Holiday Giving Tree is to get all the toys and merchandise requested on the list. If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the Holiday Giving Tree, see the SOC desk in the Memorial Student Center.

Local foods | should we demand our foods be from local vendors?

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uniform in shape for processing procedures, it is not feasible for us to purchase tomatoes from a local market."

Selz said one of the key issues with obtaining local produce for the campus is quality.

"We don't buy lettuce and process it ourselves for a couple of reasons. A lot of the local farms are Amish and they use animals for their farming so there's an issue of possible contamination in the food."

Handley feels quality is not an issue.

"As far as contaminants, those local farms are selling it to somebody, so what is the difference? If they sell it to the Menomonie Food Co-op, they measure quality. If they have a quality product, we could have the same at Stout."

The other issue of obtaining local food for the UW-Stout campus is the process of preparing the food and the issue of waste.

Selz explained, "When we get our lettuce at the door it is 100 percent usable. So we don't have to wash it and we don't have any waste that comes off the lettuce. The lettuce we have is processed right where it's grown and so any of the waste is returned to the soil and becomes organic matter."

Handley agreed that process is an issue for obtaining local foods.

"There's added labor for local produce. Right now it is very efficient for the system to get a one stop-shop. Reinhardt Distribution brings one truck to Stout to drop-off produce and the produce is already processed, but when this produce is being shipped from California, that is not environmentally sustainable. Economically this is not sustainable, because the money for this produce is not staying in the community."

> "…so if we can support farmers here in the local community, we can help support the local economy"
>
> —*Jim Handley*

As a solution, Handley said that local produce could be processed through more student jobs and the waste from processing could create a need for an organic compost which would further enhance the sustainability of UW-Stout.

Despite the pros and cons of obtaining more local foods for the UW-Stout campus, both Selz and Handley noted it was students who had the power to make decisions.

Selz stated that if there is a demand for more local foods on the UW-Stout campus that it is the dining service's obligation to meet the needs of their customers. However, Selz noted that there would be an increase in cost for providing more local foods and that it was part of his job to keep costs low for students. He also felt that as of right now he did not see any demand from students for local foods.

While Handley notes that cost is an issue, he hopes that if students understand how purchasing and consuming local foods could benefit themselves and their community, there will be more of a demand for local foods on campus.

Handley would like to see a pilot program on campus that gives students the opportunity to purchase local foods. "Why not have two types of lettuce? One that is locally grown that is $1.50 and one that is $1, so students would have to make that choice. Then we could see whether there is a demand. If there is a demand then we can take the next steps."

Ultimate money skills : Scholars, dollars, budgets and bills

Alyssa Anttila
Staff Writer

An interactive seminar sponsored by Bank of America and Monster Worldwide Inc. helped students understand the basics of financial independence on Nov. 23. Topics presented included understanding the benefits and disadvantages of credit cards, credit scores, financial planning, managing student loans and investing for the future.

The main topic of discussion was understanding credit cards and how to use them appropriately while understanding the hidden dangers and benefits they may have.

Speaker Jean Fedora from New Jersey expressed that credit cards can be a very good thing, especially when it comes to building credit but not a good thing if someone is irresponsible with them.

Fedora has first hand experience when it comes to understanding the disadvantages of having credit cards.

"I experienced credit debt firsthand," said Fedora. "I learned the hard way. I had credit cards and would go on shopping sprees instead of saving it for emergencies."

According to a statistic given by Fedora, college graduates have an average of $2,864 in credit debt upon graduation with interest rates of 15 percent or higher.

"Credit cards can be an amazing thing, but you have to ask yourself, will you use it for emergencies or shopping sprees?" said Fedora. "Now more than ever is an important time to have good credit because of the economy."

Having a good credit score and history is important when it comes to renting an apartment, getting a loan, mortgages and even for jobs.

Other credit topics included knowing what the Annual Percentage Rate (APR), annual fees and your credit limit for every credit card you have.

Transitioning from credit cards, Fedora covered an issue very relevant to college students: student loan debt. The average student loan debt a student accumulates after graduating is around $20,000.

"It is very important to know what you will have to pay once you graduate from college," said Fedora. "Students usually have three to six months after graduation before they have to pay off loans, but you have to keep in mind what other expenses you will have."

Fedora stressed the importance of creating a budget and looking directly at what expenses you have and where you can make cuts.

"Upon graduation, you need a job that makes at least $32,100 per year to cover basic necessities," said Fedora. Some of those basic necessities include rent, phone bills, utilities, food, gas, insurance and student loan payments.

Fedora also enticed the audience with a simple formula that, if followed, "could make you a millionaire by the time you are 65."

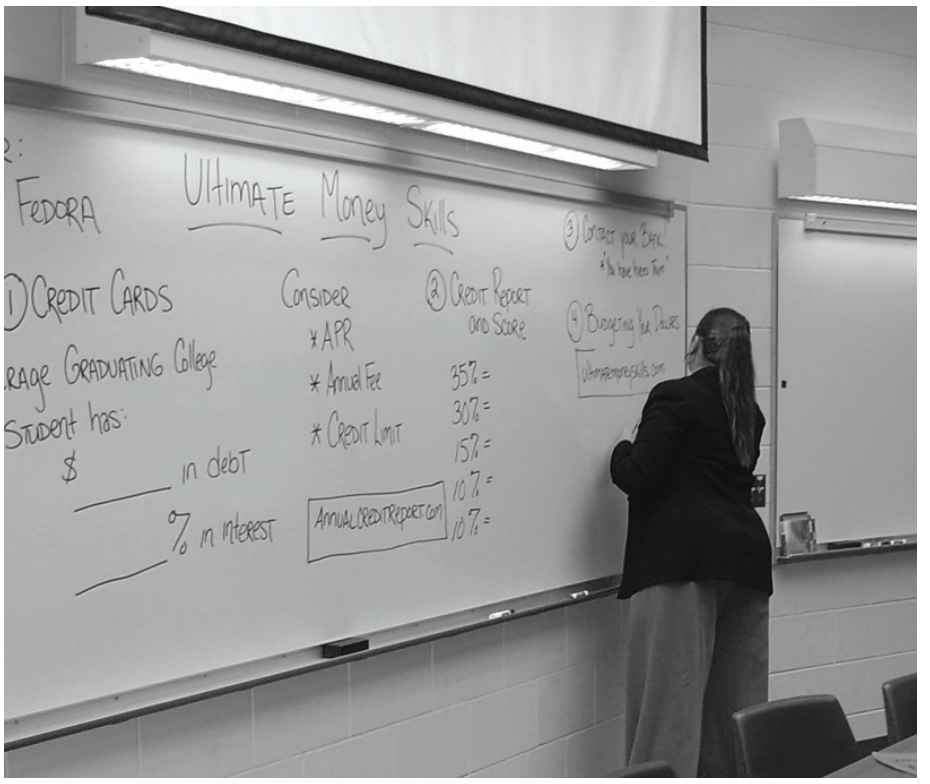
The formula begins at age 22 with an individual investing $3,000 once a year into a Roth IRA account or 401K. Each year an individual must make a deposit of $3,000 for a total of 43 years. With a percent return of about 8 percent, Fedora stated, "You could have $1,070,848 saved up."

Freshman Patrick Loper attended the seminar for extra credit for a class but ended up taking away a lot more from the program than he thought.

"I learned about how to save money, how to budget and to check credit reports and now I know what I need to do," said Loper. "And now I'll be millionaire at age 65."

Fedora also reminded students to keep in mind that the economy fluctuates and these numbers may not be exact. But if this formula is in fact true, many students could be millionaires in the making.

"With a focus on finances, now you can be in a stronger position to make dreams happen," said Fedora. "If you take action now, you can design a life in all areas."



Alyssa Anttila/Stoutonia

Jean Fedora counsels students on Nov. 23 about what to consider when using a credit card, including APR, annual fees and the credit limit .



Alyssa Anttila /Stoutonia

Fedora reminds UW-Stout students of the benefits of having a good credit score and how to finance student loan debt.

Establishing good credit

- Pay off credit card, loans and service payments
- Budget for expenses
- Balance your checking and savings accounts
- Keep track of outstanding debts
- Know how much credit you have available on your cards and how much you owe

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How are we going to look in the future?

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

During the University Honors Program (UHP) Seminar in Technology presentation, University of Wisconsin-Stout Technology professor Juliet Fox proudly introduced 17 hardworking students and their work with biotechnology throughout this fall semester. Their documentary raised common ethical questions that many students are unaware of such as what biotechnology really is, unnoticed media-based influences and some of the consequences that may come in result of our fast track to technological perfection.

In their detailed presentation, the students spoke with professors, doctors and even our fellow student body regarding the issue on stem cell research and the ability to genetically design your own child. Although just a small sample was taken from such a vast student body population, the general consensus was that most of our student body disagreed with the concept all together. According to some of the males asked, they would rather have their male child tall so he can play pro-basketball, have super powers and one said "he would have the perfect Zoolander face."

The documentary put great emphasis on the movie "I Am Legend." Most would think the movie was a great action flick where Will Smith looked hot, ran from infected vampires and drove a killer car. What no one really noticed was the actual plot behind why he is running is the result of biotechnical testings that are being done to help people now, without thinking about the consequences of the future. It seems we will stop at nothing in the attempt to make healthy humans, whether it's curing or preventing disease or the design of a blonde-haired, blue-eyed baby girl.

"More questions were raised then I thought," said Kendra Lucking, a junior in the Hospitality and Tourism program. "The ethic pieces are changing, there's a domino effect, and we take every inch for a mile, we want to be unstoppable. It's not 'can we not,' or 'could we not,' but should we?"

> "It's not 'can we not,' or 'could we not,' but should we?"
>
> —*Kendra Lucking*

The documentary presented both sides of various issues in biotechnology and discussed in great detail about some of the consequences that it may have on our future.

In relation to being able to genetically design your child, the students asked the questions, "once we enhance a certain part of someone, then what about all the other people that may consider themselves utterly normal now?" They added that this could become a different form of segregation.

A discussion of how these biotechnical advances will affect future generations concluded the documentary. With the rapidly growing era of any technology, we must increase education to fill these jobs. Brian Muller, a sophomore in Applied Math and Computer Science, concluded "us discussing this right now is an impact."



Lindsey Johnson/Stoutonia

Kendra Lucking, a junior in the Hospitality and Tourism program, and UHP Seminar in Technology course students presented a documentary about the future of biotechnology on Dec. 9.

City of Menomonie
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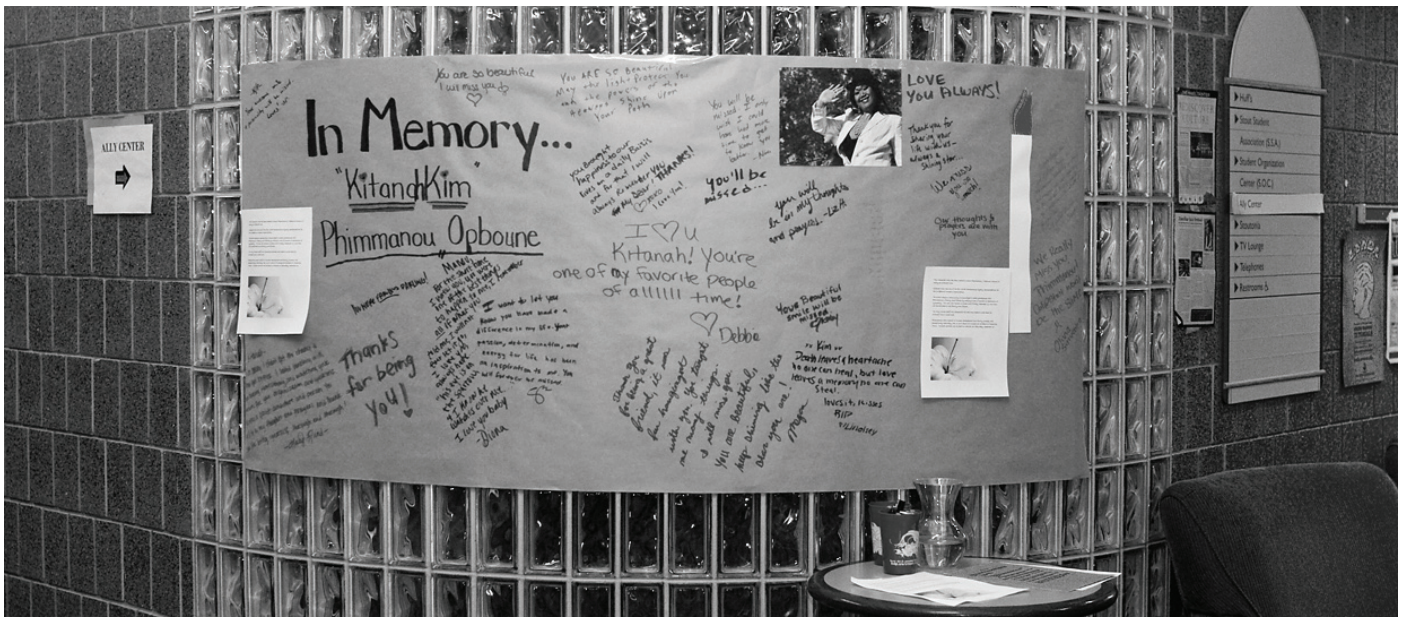
In memory of Phimmanou J. Opboune

Danielle Olson
News editor

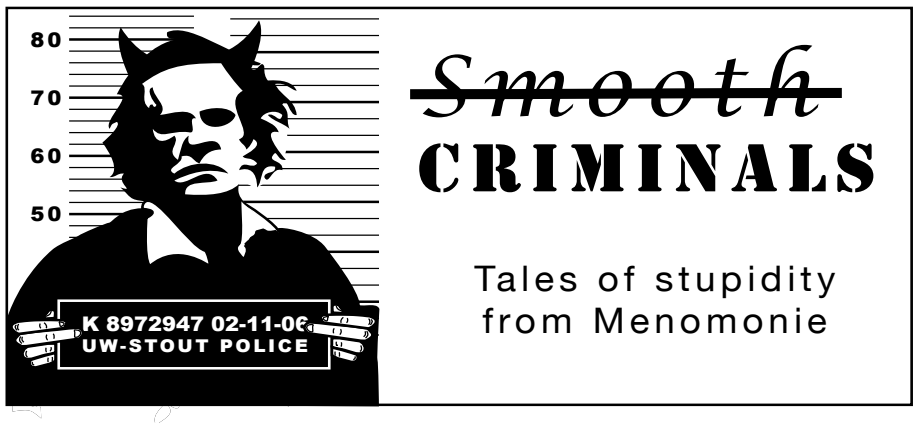
Phimmanou J. Opboune, 28, passed away as a result of a single car accident on Saturday, Dec. 6 in Roseville, Minn. He was a senior in the human development and family studies program.

Opboune was a royalty representative for the Out@Stout student organization for fall 2008 Homecoming. A Memorial Wall has been hung in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center where the campus community can share memories and condolensces with Opboune's family and friend.s The wall will be up until Dec. 19, when it will be delivered to his family and friends.

The visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., Dec. 13, followed by funeral services at Peterson–Kraemer Funeral Home in Wausau, Wis.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia
A Memorial Wall stands in the MSC in memory of Phimmanou J. Opboune, where the UW-Stout community can write memories and condolences to Opboune's family and friends.



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Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

Citations Issued

Nov. 3 through Nov. 30, 2008

Nov. 3 – Dec. 1
UAD 1st – 27
UAD 3rd - 1
Possession of Marijuana – 3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 3
Disorderly Conduct – 3
Public Urination – 1

How dare you support a presidential candidate I dislike!!

Nov. 3

A group of students were chalking and putting up signs in support of President-elect Barack Obama when they were verbally harassed by another student who, one can safety assume, did not share their warm and fuzzy feelings for Obama. After tearing down signs and causing general disruption, campus security was called and he was asked to leave the area. Sadly, he will have to vent his frustration on posters in his own room.

The walk to a sink is just far too long . . .

Nov. 6

Security was called after students in North Hall complained of beer leaking in their windows from a room above. The occupants of that room had the brilliant idea of pouring beer through the screen of their window. Thankfully they can blame the booze for their stupidity because that decision was embarrassing enough as is.

Will you date me if I punch something?

Nov. 7

After seeing the girl he was attracted to with someone else, a student proceeded to take his anger out on Fleming Hall. A broken plastic light cover was the result. All in all, the girl's guest was probably just relieved that it was the cover instead of their face.

When you get in the car you should always adjust your seat and your mirrors . . . if you still have mirrors.

Nov. 13– Nov. 14

A visitor to Lot #4 decided they were tired of people being able to see behind them while driving. To resolve this problem, the side mirrors of five vehicles were broken. Thank you, considerate one, for saving us from the terrors of safe merging and careful lane changes. We salute you.

Username: student
Password: #!%$&*

Nov. 15

The boyfriend of a South Hall resident became angry after he discovered that his partner had switched her computer password without informing him. When she refused to tell him what it was, he became aggressive and hostile. When the girl escaped to the RA, the guy ran for it. Perhaps she should keep going with this idea of change . . . starting with that boyfriend.

Mmmm, nothing like the smell of sewage to get you pumped for class.

Nov. 30

Maintenance was called after the aromatic scent of sewer gas was detected in the basement of Harvey Hall. Apparently this hall has a history of leaking gas. If all else fails, there is always Beano.

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Kicked to the curb | Violence prevention project to end

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

A little-known but indispensible program at University of Wisconsin-Stout is CVPP, the Campus Violence Prevention Project. According to its Web site, its goal is to "institutionalize a campus-wide response to violence against women that prioritizes the needs and safety of student victims, and which creates positive social change within the campus community." CVPP's purpose is to "help you understand, get help, and report problems regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and other forms of violence." Their Web site, http://www.uwstout.edu/cvp/index.html, is a treasure trove of facts, statistics and resources concerning these different types of abuse.

As of May 2009, their funding will cease and UW-Stout's Campus Violence Prevention Project will end, unless students get involved and make sure it stays. To get involved, or even just to voice support, contact Joanne Ehrmantraut at ehrmantrautj@uwstout.edu, or Jessica Bryan, at bryanje@uwstout.edu or at 715-232-2468. Again, CVPP's Web site is http://www.uwstout.edu/cvp/index.html.

UW-Stout students cannot let this happen. By eliminating this program, a loud and clear message is being sent to those who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking: **We don't care. You can help yourself. Your safety on this campus and in this town doesn't matter.**

You personally may not care. That's fine. That's your perogative. Maybe you're convinced that you'll never need such services. Lucky you. If only everyone could be so fortunate. But what if your sister or your best female friend or even your mother were to find herself in such a drastic situation that she does need CVPP?

Don't think that this wouldn't happen to you, or anyone around you. At UW-Stout, **35 percent** of female students reported experiencing **at least one** incident of relationship or domestic violence while enrolled at UW-Stout. This is everywhere. Imagine you plus your two closest female friends and/or relatives sitting together at lunch. One of you has been on the receiving end of violence in a relationship or in the home. Maybe it's your best friend. Or your sister. What if she were so scared, confused and ashamed that you, out of all people, are one of the last people on earth she would come to about this? Tell me that you could look her in the eye and say, "This doesn't affect me. I don't care." Where would you want them to go for help?

"Well, she could go to the police," you might say. But telling someone who has experienced the trauma of assault or violence to go to the police isn't good enough. It's nowhere near good enough. There's a reason that only five percent of all sexual assault cases are reported. Her telling the police about her rape could render her emotions into a state as violated as her body. No doubt that it was trauma in and of itself for her to even tell you. In this day and age, women are still seen to hold some responsibility for their own attacks. Her skirt was too short, she has a past history of sexual behavior or she'd been drinking. The public stigma that this is somehow the victim's fault is more than enough to shame them into silence. CVPP works as a powerful counteraction to this stigma. Without it, Menomonie would lose an extremely valuable source of information and a place to turn.

Let me illustrate this a bit better. I spoke to a woman who was in need of such a program her freshman year of college. Her boyfriend was physically, emotionally and mentally abusive. She couldn't go to the cops, as he would alternate between begging and threatening her. Knowledge of CVPP would have been extraordinarily useful.

The campus-wide education provided by CVPP is invaluable. Women need to be encouraged to come forth to report abuse and assault, not punished or ignored or taken lightly. Society needs to make clear that there are options, and that they have someplace safe to go. CVPP does exactly this.

Men also need to be part of this education. Here's a statistic to horrify: 84 percent of men whose actions matched the legal definition of rape said that what they did was definitely not rape. Part of CVPP is M.V.P – Men in Violence Protection. These are their goals, as stated on their Web site:

1. Educate male peers on the importance of healthy relationships.

2. Model healthy attitudes and behaviors toward women, and encourage the same behavior from other men on campus.

3. Promote the norm of men taking responsibility for helping to end violence against women.

4. Encourage men to intervene when they see someone has been or is about to be harmed.

5. Help other men understand they are part of the solution to ending violence against women, and not just the source of the problem.

However, despite the fact that 81 percent of UW-Stout's male students surveyed agreed that all forms of abuse are harmful and should be taken seriously, according to their Web site, as of now they only have seven members. Come on, guys. This 81 percent could be wearing their convictions a little louder.

So please, UW-Stout students, do not let this perish. Standing idly and letting it happen does not make you any less guilty than those who, should CVPP disappear, will find UW-Stout a safe haven for committing assault and abuse.

If you wish to become involved with the effort to save CVPP, or even just to voice your support, please contact Joanne Ehrmantraut at ehrmantrautj@uwstout.edu or Jessica Bryan at bryanje@uwstout.edu or 715-232-2468, or you can stop in at 410 Bowman Hall. If you want more information, visit CVPP's Web site at http://www.uwstout.edu/cvpp/index.html.

We're only getting lazier and lazier

Leslie Barlow
UW-Stout student contributor

Has anyone besides me noticed that 95 percent of students at University of Wisconsin-Stout leave their dorm rooms or their houses every day in pajamas or sweatpants, their hair barely combed, wearing flip flops or slippers, and sporting a "I wish I didn't have class today" attitude? I understand that there is the comfort factor, and I know that some classes are so early in the morning that no one has time to get ready, but seriously, people? Has everyone forgotten that school is a professional place?

In these classes that we are paying for, we make connections with peers and teachers that will better us in life, and could potentially lead to internships and well-paying jobs. Assuming that there's a good relationship, a teacher can guide you towards amazing careers that you never thought were possible. This same exact teacher, however, may also notice how a student shows up every day looking sloppy and not put together.

I don't care what you may argue: your appearance really does affect how people perceive you. It's the world that we live in. Which one of the following do you think that a professional would rather hire: someone who dressed appropriately for an important interview or someone who dressed appropriately for bed time? Would teachers rather help students attain good grades and happy careers later in life if they see the students put effort into their days and the way they look, or would they go for the students who don't give a crap about how their appearances influence others' perceptions?

I think people forget that a university is a professional setting. You're cultivating relationships with professors and potential employers all of the time! By looking appropriately put-together, even just a few days out of the week, you'll give the impression that you care about your hygiene, how you present yourself to the world, your education, and your future. You are paying to go to a professional institution, so dress like it!

I have to rant about this situation because far too often I see the same grey sweatshirts and sweatpants dawdling into class. There's nothing wrong with liking sweatpants because they are comfy, but are other clothes really that uncomfortable? No, they aren't. How about jeans, a nice sweater or a dress? Those are also comfortable! Do you really not have 15 minutes in the morning to try to put yourself together?

Also, when we come to class in bed time clothes such as sweatpants and pajamas, we are almost too comfortable and it's easier for us to fall back asleep. When you come to class wearing something more put together, you may end up being more alert and learning more and you'll feel better about yourself.

All in all, I understand that the weather is only getting colder and that the stress of tons of homework is upon us, but wearing sweatpants, sweatshirts and pajamas every single day of the week of your college career is not only unprofessional and gives off a "lazy" vibe, but it can hinder education.

Intervention: coffee addict

Jack Lawrence
UW-Stout student contributor

If you flip through the pages of human history, it will be plain to see that mankind has waged wars, laughed and fallen in love, created fantastic flying machines, solved medical mysteries, designed inspiring performance art and even looked to the stars with intent to someday visit them.

Then mankind invented coffee.

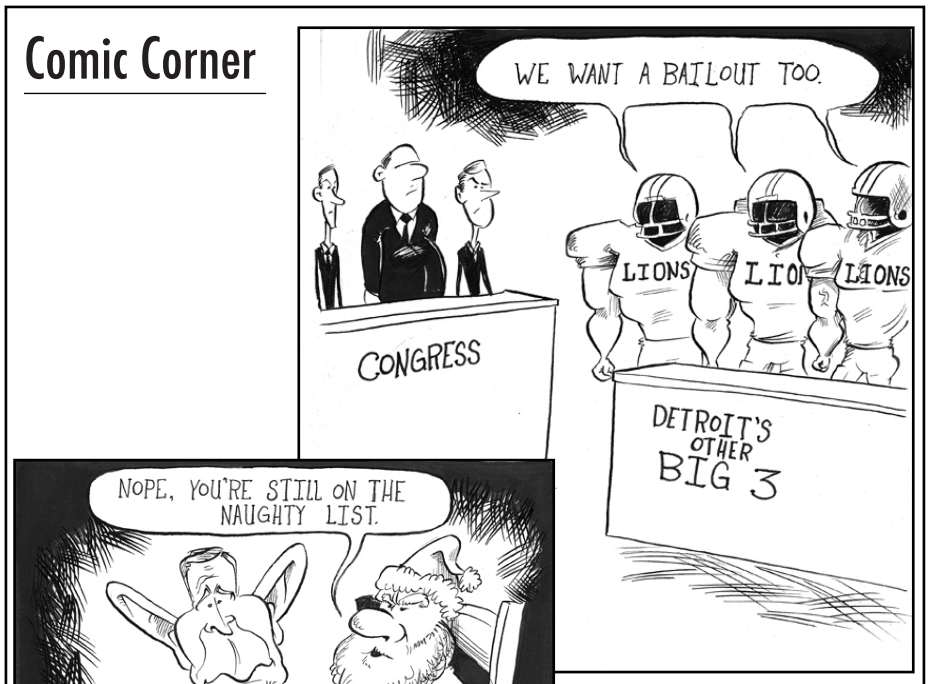
Don't get me wrong, I love a good hot cup. But then I start to realize that hey, if one cup of coffee kicks this much ass and makes me feel this awake, then two would probably make me into an invincible god of concentration! Then I start to realize that coffee is actually somehow filling, even though it's pretty much just brown water with some sugary stuff in it, and that since I am poor, it's a good alternative to the bowls of cereal and apples that are my usual snacks. Then I start drinking coffee at night to get the edge on my roommates when we sit down for a few spirited rounds of Mortal Kombat. Then I start missing my early classes because Sub-Zero and I were bathing in their sweet, sweet digital tears until one in the morning. Then I start getting behind in my work, but that's OK! I still have two more enormous tubs of Folgers Columbian in my cabinet, enough filters to build myself a two-story coffee filter fort, and a mug with reindeer on it. I fall back into the life.

There was this one week last year where I tried to give up coffee. I remember wandering around the art building at like 11 a.m., lost and unshaven, trying to remember my name and what I was doing in Wisconsin, when some guy I think I might be friends with grabbed me by the shoulders and said, "Dude, you look like you need some coffee!" Next thing I knew, I was drowning my sorrows in the reindeer mug again.

But why fight it, you might ask? After all, coffee is the most delicious thing ever, makes you feel more awake, more strong, more charismatic, more intellectual, more funny, and on top of all that, isn't even that expensive if you buy the lame kind. Plus, it warms your frozen bones on winter mornings (or afternoons, or midnights), and like carrying a decently sized box of any sort, toting a cup of coffee around lends you an air of unspoken legitimacy that no one would dare try and refute. But there is a dark side. It dehydrates you. It stains your teeth and gives you coffee breath. It gives you the gift of the caffeine headache when you try and stray from its loving arms. And it keeps you awake, oh you bet it does—right into the lightless hours of the morning.

Still, I just can't picture myself ever truly romancing a different drink. Coffee is my muse and my vice. For example, even as I type this, I'm using a permanent marker to draw a reindeer on the side of the ceramic Starbucks-style cup my roomies got me as a birthday gift (I think they might be in on the conspiracy). But I can't deal with that right now because it's almost noon and I still haven't killed a cup of the stuff. Oh, coffee. Maybe in my next life I will be free from you…

Comic Corner



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It's time to care

Wayne Nelson
UW-Stout student contributor

As I hurry to my 9:05 class, I glance up at the clock tower. The hands read 9:35. Then I remind myself that they always read 9:35.

I can't help but think: am I the only one who notices? So I conducted my own unscientific poll. I asked 27 University of Wisconsin-Stout students, "Does the UW-Stout clock tower show the correct time?" About half of the students were unsure, while the rest knew that it didn't.

Fellow students, the clock tower is broken and it is time to show we care.

When did the clock hands stop? When will it be fixed? Here are the facts:

According to Shirley Klebesadel, associate director of the physical plant:

• The mechanism is worn-out and the hands were stopped in spring 2007 to prevent further damage.

• Repairs need to be approved as part of next year's budget.

• If money is approved, repairs might begin in August 2009.

But I ask you, doesn't the clock deserve more attention than just being another budget item?

While doing the poll, many students commented that the bells work and that they ring at the correct time. Yes, it's true; the bells do work. But the UW-Stout clock tower is more than just a giant watch. It is more than just a music box. The clock tower has stood as a symbol of this school for over 100 years.

Do me a quick favor. Take out your student ID. The clock tower is right in the middle of it. Next to the clock's face is your face. Every time you show your ID, every time you declare yourself a UW-Stout student, you should be able to do so with pride.

With each passing fall, a new freshmen class is welcomed to campus by a broken clock. Our current freshmen and sophomore classes have never seen the clock working. The hands don't move. Inside, at its core, the mechanism doesn't work. Without time to tell, these four faces serve no other purpose than to look pretty in a UW-Stout brochure.

It is time that students of this school let it be known that we care about the clock. Send an e-mail to the chancellor (sorensenc@uwstout.edu). Let Chancellor Sorensen know that you want to know what the current status of the clock is, what repairs are planned and when the hands, once more, will move forward.

Congratulations Fall 2008 Graduates!



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The Wire Tap

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Music at the Waterfront

Thursday, Dec. 11
Absolute Gruv 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12
Charlie Parr 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13
Fat Maw Rooney 8 p.m.

Music/ Events at the Stones Throw

Thursday, Dec. 11
Kristoff Krane, Fathom & DJ Beze
10 p.m. no cover

Friday, Dec. 12
The Blend
10 p.m. $3

Saturday, Dec. 13
Laarks w/ The Small Cities, O'Israel
10 p.m. $3

Saturday, Dec. 20
Battery: A Tribute to Metallica
10 p.m. $7

Monday, Dec. 22
Bon Iver After Party- featuring: Meridene, Brian Bethke, and more

Upcoming Album Releases

Tuesday, Dec. 16

All-American Rejects
When The World Comes Down

Dave Matthews Band
Live at Mile High Music Festival
Live Trax vol. 13

Fall Out Boy
Folie a Deux

Jamie Foxx
Intuition

Soulja Boy
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Tuesday, Dec. 23

Fear The State
Against The Ropes

Sterling Simms
Yours, Mine, & The Truth

Australia: a western in World War II

A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas
Staff Writer

"Australia" is a nearly three-hour long sweeping epic taking place in the Outback of Australia during the early days of World War II. It's a love story that deals with social issues. It also is a historical film dramatizing the first attacks of the Japanese in Australia.

A.J.: Unfortunately, it fails on all fronts. It tries to be a drama, but a light-hearted one, that comes off as a live-action cartoon. Nicole Kidman, who plays Lady Sarah Ashley thinks she's in a serious drama, while Hugh Jackman, who plays Drover, thinks he's in a pseudo-comedy. Their styles clash terribly, and their love thread feels contrived and unmoving.

It's hard to describe this movie. It started off with a "creamy" kid (this term will be explained later) narrating the opening scenes describing how the main characters came together on a cattle ranch on the Outback. Lady Ashley's husband owned the ranch, but was murdered, and she came from England to take over to sell off the cattle. This was easier said than done because a ruthless cattle baron was in competition with her, and Drover reluctantly came to her rescue.

Another thread of this movie was that of the lives of the Aboriginies and their integration into the white culture. It talked about the "lost generations," or generations of mixed-race children. These children were referred to as "creamy" children, referring to their skin color (apparently they've never actually seen the color of cream), and they found themselves not belonging to any culture, white or black. These children were sent to live with missionaries to be taught religion and how to be proper white people.

"Australia" was several movies in one. It was a western, complete with a cattle drive, a commentary on racism, a World War II film and a romance. There was no clear reason for all these storylines, and they didn't mesh. There wasn't a clear point to the movie, either. It started as an anti-racism movie and ended as one, but during the middle two and a half hours, it was something less clear.

Unless you want to see a movie with Aboriginies creeping around in the background and standing in odd positions, an overly-enthusiastic child narrator, contrived acting, a portrayal of all white men being evil and all blacks and women being flawless, at least two complete movies in one and no theme tying all the threads together, this movie is a waste of time and money. It was boring half an hour in, and two and a half hours later it became mind-numbing.



Photo taken from: www.popculturebuzz.com

This movie is best used as training on how not to make a movie, or as a torture device. Any movie that uses the line, "Never send a boy to do a man's work," without trying to be ironic, is going to be crap.

Katie: "Brokeback Mountain" meets the "Lion King" meets "Gone With The Wind" meets "Pearl Harbor"…but not as good. The movie was definitely an hour too long, or two and a half hours too long for that matter. It should have ended two hours in, when all the characters were happy and butts were still awake.

It wasn't all bad, though. The first half hour was rather entertaining and the cinematography/ Hugh Jackman gave the audience something nice to look at.

Rating: 0.4/10

SIGH Edward Cullen, need I say more?

Ileah Midthum
Staff Writer



Photo taken from: www.wordpress.com

For those of you who have read the book, this movie may come up a tad short. Like every movie that is based on a book, the movie cannot hold a candle to the book detail-wise. Also, the movie cannot live up to the way people imagine things in their heads. There is just no comparison to the human imagination. With that being said, this movie follows the book rather well.

The movie starts out with Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) moving to Forks, Wash. from Phoenix, Ariz. to live with her dad so her mom and stepfather can go to Florida for baseball spring training for her stepfather's career. Bella has not been to Forks for a very long time. She used to spend her summers there, but stopped going after she was fourteen.

At first she is not happy because she doesn't know anyone and it rains all of the time. The kids are nice to her and she is "the shiny new toy" to all of the boys in the school who are fighting for her attention. Things seem to be rather dull in Forks, until she discovers the Cullens.

The Cullens are five of the most beautiful and mysterious people that Bella has ever seen. She is instantly drawn to Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) when they have a Biology class together. The only problem is, Edward can't stand to be in the same room as her.

After their meeting, Bella wants to confront Edward to see what his problem is, but she can't because he doesn't come to school for days. The next time that she sees him he is a complete gentleman to her, but tells her they should not be friends. After school, Bella is standing by her truck, unlocking the door, when a van spins out of control straight towards her. In a flash, Edward is right by her side, blocking the van from crushing her. Bella is downright confused and Edward instantly becomes the only thing that Bella thinks about.

Bella goes on a research expedition to figure out what is really going on with Edward, since he won't tell her. She asks her friend Jacob about a couple of the legends in his tribe and he gives her some vital information. She is determined to find out more and finds herself at a bookstore in Port Angeles after dark, with about a mile walk ahead of her. As she is walking, she realizes that she is being followed by a pack of drunken men. They start to catcall her and surround her. Just as they start to get grabby, Edward flies around the corner in his car and nearly runs the men over. He then tells Bella to get in the car and speeds away. This is when things start to get interesting.

This movie is full of romance, drama, scenery that is to die for and acting that is simply mesmerizing. This movie will certainly captivate any type of audience—males included! Once you start watching it is difficult to look away and instantly leaves you wanting more. At the end of the movie is a perfect set up for a continuation into the second book, "New Moon." No matter if you have read all four books or have never heard of Stephenie Meyer, this movie will be a hit.

Rating: 8.7/10

ALLC Alumni Exhibition: painting pictures, painting lives



Art by: Sara Guenthner, "untitled," third place **Photo by: Ashley Tiegs**/Stoutonia

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

What do the current art students and alumni of the University Wisconsin-Stout's ALLC program have in common? More than just the number of hours spent perfecting their artwork; it goes beyond the many sleepless nights spent in Applied Arts. In fact, the commonalities branch deeper than just sharing a major.

Art students had the opportunity to participate in the first annual Art Living Learning Communities Alumni Show, which was held Nov. 10-14. Coordinated by Dr. Jean-Marie Dauplaise, Tamara Brantmeier and Kelly Podach, this juried exhibition allowed art students to show their hard work with an opportunity to be awarded prizes for their skills. With this in mind, however, this was an art show that was about more than just pictures and talent. This show, based around UW-Stout's ALLC program, brought forth reflection of what it means to be connected to other students within one's major.

In Tamara Brantmeirer's quiet Drawing I class, a group of ALLC Alumni Show participants and volunteers gathered to share their experiences within the show and also within the Art Living Learning Communities. For Ryan Smith, a junior in art education, being placed into the ALLC his freshman year was an interesting experience. Through being housed with other art majors, as well as having courses scheduled strictly with those within his major, Ryan found the opportunity to bond with others quite rewarding. He noted that because he was placed in class sections based on his major, he learned to branch out and realized that "maybe the [other students] aren't so bad… we ha[d] connections through art." Graphic design student Ross Harried was also able to support this idea. He explained that through the ALLC, connections with people were made, and they were connections that in some cases lasted throughout the entirety of his college career.

Josh Sondelski, a senior in graphic design, was part of the test group that was first exposed to the ALLC. While many students were uncertain of the experience at fist, Josh quickly realized that it was nice to have people with similar interests to talk to all the time—to have familiar people willing and able to give feedback. The availability of open minds to critique work and provide support in the long nights of homework and intense projects have left many ALLC students feeling grateful.

Claire Hilgendorf, another graphic design senior, has found that the ALLC gave her many benefits. Through it, she was able to form strong friendships, strengthen her networking skills, join more professional organizations and learn to appreciate all that her major had to offer. Above all, she noted that it is networking that has a large role in bringing young professionals where they want to be. She stated, "You never know where networking will take you." Multimedia design senior Sarah Guenthner also supported this idea when she added, "What you learn is that you form communities. It's a fast way to connect students together. Networking is important—you're able to know so many people, and it keeps expanding."

For other members of the ALLC, such as graphic design senior Nick Koepke, industrial design senior Katie Lupton, and graphic design senior Andy Kawa, the experience spent learning so closely with other students was beneficial in offering a support system within the major, formulating long-lasting friendships and finding ever-present help and advice on assignments. However, for many, the growth and personal understanding gained through this experience is amongst the most powerful and rewarding results. Nick Koepke summed it up best when he stated, "This experience is good for learning styles and for gaining a sense of what others can do. However, it's not about doing one style really well…it's about learning about your own style as an artist."

And while Nick Koepke's words certainly resound in the art community, they are words that can apply to every student, regardless of major. In this writer's eyes, education is not only about subject-related learning. It is the willingness to discover one's own styles and potential. While much of this personal learning happens internally, it is those around us—our community— that often offer the most accurate and beneficial understanding of personal strengths, styles and other professional factors.

Though the first annual ALLC Alumni Show is now a memory in the minds of those who participated, its meaning and purpose is something that still resounds in the halls of Applied Arts through the hard work and growth seen in the students' work and lives.

This was an opportunity for art students to come together to share their art, but more importantly, to share who they have become as young professional artists as a result of their experiences within the programs at UW-Stout. For many, this was their first experience showing their work in a juried exhibit. While this was a phenomenal experience unique to their major, it holds with it lessons that apply to the entire student body. Education is about more than just books and homework—it is about the relationships and experiences shared with others, and willingness to present oneself proudly to the world.

Winners:
#1 Nick Koepke, "untitled"

#2 Caitlin Bohac, "untitled"

#3 Sara Guenther, "untitled"

Jurors: Tom Hollenback and Jennifer Astwood

Student Mentor and Penco Manager: Andy Christensen



Art by: Nick Koepke, "untitled," first place **Photo by: Ashley Tiegs**/Stoutonia

A Special Thanks goes out from Dr. Dauplaise to:

Ross Harried for doing all the de-installation work alone, our judges, Tom Hollenbeck and Jennifer Astwood, the Dean of Students, Joan Thomas, for beginning the pilot program and supporting the ALLC year in year out, without cease, Andy Christensen, ALLC ARC Alumnus and PENCO manager, Amy Fichter, Student Gallery Director for Show Hanging 101 and technical assistance, Andy Kawa, show photographer, Andrew Beckman for show graphic promotion, Denise Goers, Living/Learning Community Coordinator, Tamara Brantmeier and Kelly Podach, co-chairs of this year's ALLC, Julie Watts, Cynthia Bland, and all of the faculty and administrators who've participated with their time, effort and good-will year after year.

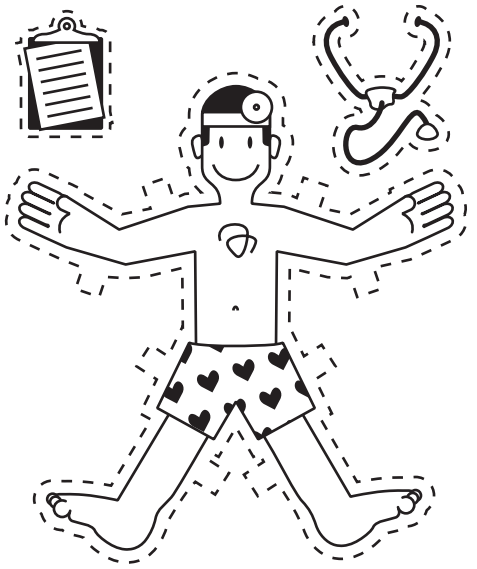
Thanks, everyone, for making this year's first annual show a smashing success!!!

Fashion vs. function

Mallory Morris
Entertainment Writer

You may have noticed that there are a large amount of students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in creative and artistic majors, and not only in the fine arts department. A number of these students are in the apparel design and development program which is a major that is almost always recognized as extremely creative. But while many see clothing design as strictly fashion, they overlook the strong technical and functional capabilities of an article of clothing.

For this reason, instructor and program director Gindy Neidermyer teaches Functional Clothing Design, a class that focuses strictly on the design of clothing that is functional instead of simply fashionable. This fall's class spent the semester working in groups doing extensive research, design, editing and prototyping of a medical garment assigned to them. The class was split into four groups, each focusing on one of the following: a hospital patient gown, a military medic uniform and bag, an army uniform and hospital medical scrubs.



Andrew Ohlmann

Each group did in-depth research including talking to various nurses at Red Cedar Medical Center, talking to family members who are nurses or who are in the field of medicine, talking to patients, ROTC members, an army nurse who served in Iraq and two former medics. In addition, each group used the Internet, magazines and one group even looked at new concepts and ideas from MIT students.

Students working on the hospital patient gown decided to experiment with different materials and a front-closing robe style gown in order to take a patient's comfort into account. They also included a cinching mechanism for a one-size-fits-all gown. Their main goal was to create an affordable, easily washable garment that could be more private for hospital patients.

Students working on the military medic uniform and bag decided to develop a uniform that would be restructured to fit the majority of things military medics need to carry into the uniform instead of into an extra backpack or bag. They spent a lot of time considering the physiology of the body, including things like stance, weight distribution, and making sure there was a significant freedom of movement. They worked on developing new fastening systems that would be quiet, and compartments within the garment that could fold out and help to make the current bag part of the uniform.

Students working on the army uniform decided to create a uniform that could be transformed into a stretcher to make things easier for medics. They also integrated handles that are hidden in pockets on areas of the body like the shoulders or the chest that could make it easier for other soldiers to help each other get out of a dangerous area when wounded. They also did research into new fabrics and materials that are stronger, more breathable and water resistant, but still comfortable.

Students working on the hospital medical scrubs decided to redesign scrubs to make them more user-friendly as well as updating styles to be more fashionable. They took the current design and reworked it to make it adjustable for a more individual look that can vary in silhouette, style and fit, and added a breathable fabric on the back and underarms for more comfort. They added pockets for specific items that doctors and nurses currently carry around with them such as their stethoscope. The goal was to create a uniform for the medical community that could be personalized and adjusted to make their own.

Students almost unanimously agreed that the setup of the class made this challenging project easier. Most also agreed that working in groups for a whole semester was a very challenging as well as rewarding experience. They each had to learn to work with each other, as each member brought something different to the table. But when it came to research and brainstorming, it was much easier to have group members to bounce ideas off of and to have multiple people to turn to if there was a question or a problem.

After participating in Functional Clothing Design, most apparel design and development students come out with a whole new idea of fashion and how to look at it. Since the functional side of fashion is so often overlooked, it is an interesting experience for students to see it firsthand and find out how rewarding it is to fulfill a need in the fashion market as well as creating something beautiful that people want to wear.

Gift giving has never meant more

Jadyn Beyer
Entertainment Writer



Andrew Ohlmann

A nice thing about the holidays is the overwhelming urge to give to others. With such spirit in the air, why not give the gift of giving? Donations to non-profit organizations in the names of those on your list will brighten the expressions of everyone you care about during the holidays. The best part of this is that you do not even have to donate money to the organization. Many organizations have lists of items they need. Some local non-profits are listed here, but there are many more in and outside of Menomonie.

Dunn County Humane Society

The Dunn County Humane Society is a no-kill animal shelter that always needs more to keep the shelter running. Monetary donations are always accepted, but the shelter has a wish list of items they need for the animals, such as food, bowls, leashes and much more. And, if you are really short on money this year, donating your time to the shelter is also a good gift. DCHS accepts volunteers year-round. For the complete DCHS wish list, go to http://www.dunncountyhumanesociety.org/Wishlist.aspx.

Dunn County Interfaith Volunteers, Inc.

This non-profit organization manages three community programs. One of these is the House of Hope, a temporary shelter for the homeless. The second of these is the Interfaith Food Pantry, which provides food and other items for families with limited income. Finally, there are Interfaith Caregiver volunteers, who provide support and other help to the elderly, disabled and isolated members of Dunn County. To contact Dunn County Interfaith Volunteers, Inc., call 715-235-2920. A separate number for the House of Hope is 715-235-2975.

The Bridge to Hope

This nonprofit shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is always in need of donations. Not only does the shelter accept cash, but it also needs a lot of personal items due to the fact that residents stay at the shelter cost-free until they can move on to something better. You can find a small wish list online at http://www.thebridgetohope.com/how_you_can_help.htm, along with other information about donating to the shelter. As with many non-profit organizations, volunteers are accepted.

The Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts

According to its Web site, http://www.mabeltainter.com, The Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts "strives to enrich the lives of Chippewa Valley residents through the cultural arts." It is able to put on plays, art exhibits, outreach programs for children, events and shows due to donations from individuals, businesses and foundations. If you want to be a part of this and donate, visit the Web site for more information.

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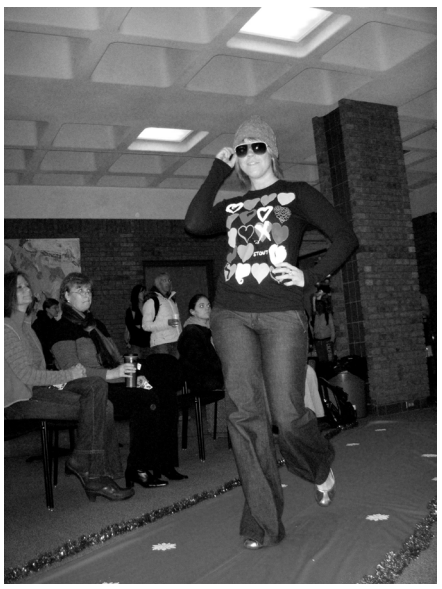


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Picture of: Bekah Saatzer, senior in Retail Merchandising and Mangement.

Emily Janssen
Entertainment Writer

The sweet and spicy aroma of hot cider tickled the senses of the audience as Fergie's voice boomed from the speakers singing about labels or love. The models gracefully trampled the red-carpeted runway that ran outwards from the sliding glass doors of The Niche, the student-run store located in the second floor of the Home Economics Building. As MC Paul Buchanan called to our attention, "The Niche and its first-ever fashion show is put on for the students, by the students."

With a ticket for 20 percent off all the Niche merchandise in each hand, the audience oohed and ahhed over the latest campus fashions and drooled over their featured snack selection. The Niche runway model, Maren Anderson, was first to hit the extended stage. She sported a heather-grey, tri-blend top with a hood, a black wool scarf and a silver clutch wallet: simple enough attire for hurrying off to class, chic enough dress for a spontaneous road trip to Uptown.

Chris Grimes, who also walked the runway for the Niche, showed a more masculine side to the merchandise selection. He struck a few poses in an army-green unisex pullover sweatshirt with an appliqué UW-Stout logo on the front and freshened the room with a few sprits of his favorite product offered by the Niche, the "Poo Pourri" bathroom freshener for only the classiest of the classy.

The ribbed v-neck long sleeve, modeled by Carrie Wu, got quite the round of applause as the crowd stole a glimpse of the angel wings insignia on the back.Wu paired the shirt with a cream printed pashmina scarf and a charcoal plaid handbag that screamed, "Check me out!"

Speaking of check outs, Becky Heymer, marketing manager at the Niche, was buzzing with excitement after the show as the audience filed into the cozy on-campus boutique decorated for the coming Christmas season. "Just look at [the line] now!" she exclaimed with sparkling eyes and a great big smile. She had just explained the show crew's main goal was to generate sales, and it looked as though their mission was, undeniably, accomplished.

According to Heymer, the Niche carries more trendy merchandise, is more affordable and is more intriguing this semester than ever before. "This year we had the most successful grand opening in the Niche's existence," she cheerfully pointed out. Fresh marketing strategies, selective buyers and dedicated retail merchandising and management students are just a few of the many efforts that are attributed for this semester's success.

Those following should be commended on a great event, and for actively being involved in putting on the Niche's first ever Fashion Show:

Becky Heymer	Marketing Manager
Emele Lozier	Marketing Manager
Joan Tobin	Store Operations Manager
Bekah Saatzer	Apparel Buyer
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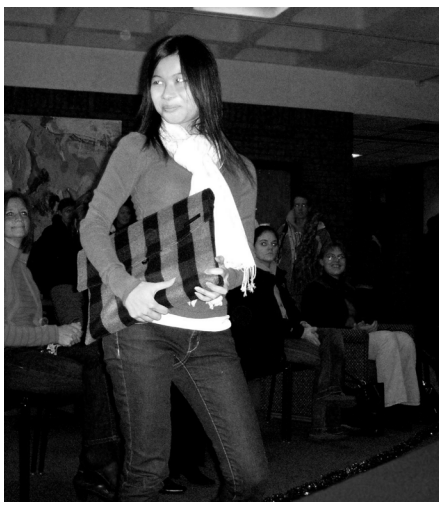
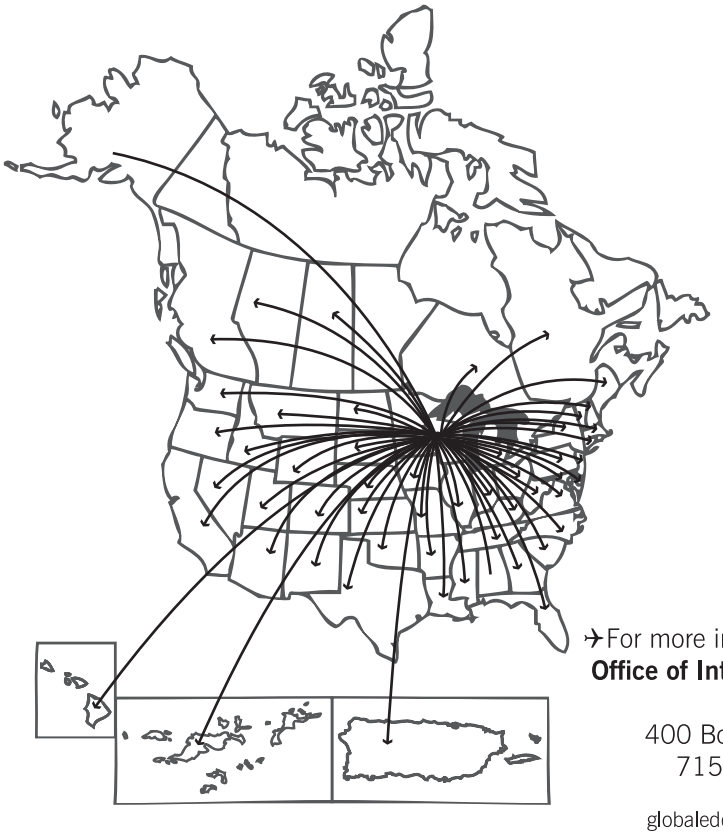


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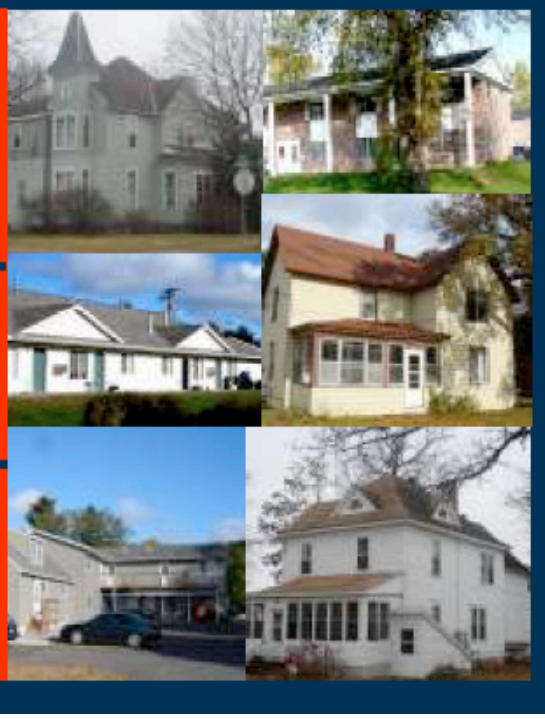
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Men's basketball team shows improvement but still falter



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UW-Stout junior guard Jerrel Enerson-Mattews drives to the rim against Minnesota-Crookston.

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

After dropping their first three games of the season, the Blue Devil men showed signs of life during the tournament they hosted the last weekend in November. The University of Wisconsin-Stout began the tournament against Northland College and defeated it handily 96-43. It was the Blue Devils' largest margin of victory since 2001 when they took care of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 90-49. Jerrel Enerson-Matthews led the way for the Blue Devils, tallying 15 points in 19 minutes, and sophomore guard Jerrod Buchholtz was not far behind with 14 points, 12 of which came from behind the 3-point line. UW-Stout's defense held all Northland scorers to single-digit totals.

The championship game against Minn-Crookston belonged to Buccholtz. He hit six 3-pointers and scored a career high 23 points. Eight of the 23 came in the last five minutes of the game, propelling the Blue Devils to a 68-63 victory. Ball security was also a key factor in winning the game; UW-Stout only committed eight turnovers throughout the game and no single player had more than two.

UW-Stout began its season with a three-game losing skid. The first of the losses came in overtime at home to Buena Vista University which is located in Storm Lake, Iowa. Sophomore guard Eric Hostetter provided the most exciting moment of the game by hitting a 3-pointer from the half court line to send the game into overtime. The Buena Vista Beavers, who were ranked eighth in Division III at the time, proved to be too much for the Blue Devils to handle in overtime and won 68-61.

A road trip to Waverly, Iowa for the Wartburg tournament yielded the same results as the Buena Vista game. UW-Stout's first matchup was against Bethany Lutheran College located in Mankato, Minn. Junior Edy Jensen from St. Paul was the scoring leader for the Blue Devils with 15.

They showed that they could play team ball as there were six double-digit scorers and a total of 25 assists in the game. However, they had no defensive answer for Bethany Lutheran's duo of Jeff Zimmerman and Tommy Saffert. Saffert had 28 points and played every minute of the game while Zimmerman hit ten 3-pointers, the last of which came as time expired giving them an 84-83 victory and handing the Blue Devils yet another heart breaking loss.

UW-Stout had to try to regroup to face Rockford College in its next game of the tournament. Sophomore forward Mahlon Thomas accounted for 16 points, hitting eight out of the 10 shots that he took. Point-scoring mainstay and second leading scorer on the team for the season Enerson-Matthews contributed 15 points but eventually fouled out of the game. The Blue Devils got into foul trouble and Rockford College capitalized on it. Danny Armelin took 13 free throws and hit every one of them, he finished the game as the leading scorer on the floor with 27 points. UW-Stout committed 26 total fouls and also had 24 turnovers. Rockford shot 34 free throws as opposed to the Blue Devils shooting only 16. There is room for improvement for UW-Stout shooting from the foul line as they are only about 55 percent on the season while their opponents are shooting close to 70 percent against them. The high number of fouls and turnovers resulted in a loss for the Blue Devils as they faltered 90-80. The one bright spot for the squad during the Buzz Levick/Pizza Ranch Tipoff tournament was that Enerson-Matthews was named to the all-tournament team.

UW-Stout has participated in only one Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game, and that happened Dec. 6 against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Buchholtz, the leading scorer for the Blue Devils this season, had 15 points while Enerson-Matthews couldn't find his stroke and went 2-10 shooting with only five points, seven less than his season average. Thomas, Hostetter and Isaiah Ferrar all scored in the double digits but the Blue Devils still came up short and lost their first conference game of the season 77-61. The team is 2-4 overall and 0-1 in the WIAC.

UW-Stout will travel to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Dec. 10 before returning home to face the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday, Dec.13. After these two WIAC contests, the Blue Devils are off to Puerto Rico to participate in a tournament Dec. 20-21.

Randy Wittman officially out

By Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

Once again the Timberwolves organization is in turmoil. Timberwolves owner, Glen Taylor, fired Randy Wittman on Dec. 8, officially cutting ties with a man who has been a part of the Timberwolves organization for two different stints within the past 14 years. Wittman originally served as an assistant coach to the Timberwolves from 1994-1999. He was later promoted from assistant coach to the Timberwolves' head coach in 2007 after the dismissal of Dwane Casey.

After an ugly 4-15 start, Taylor knew it was time to look elsewhere in the coaching department, appointing the one person Timberwolves fans have criticized since his debut in the front office. Taylor has now stripped Kevin McHale of his vice president position and has appointed him with the full-time responsibilities of being the Wolves' head coach.

McHale, who has served as the vice president of basketball operations for the Timberwolves since May 11, 1995, will have to step down from his role in order to concentrate on coaching duties. McHale started with the Timberwolves front office in 1993 as a special assistant before moving to assistant general manager for the 1994-95 season.

A native of Hibbing, Minn., McHale is renowned for his accomplishments within the NBA during his extensive career. In his professional career, McHale played for the Boston Celtics for 13 seasons and helped lead the organization to three NBA titles in 1981, 1984 and 1986. His success on the court is evident, but his success managing a team has yet to be seen.

As for now things seem to be unchanged as the Wolves have lost their first game with McHale on the bench again. What seems to be a theme at the Target Center was again apparent when the Wolves let a fourth-quarter lead slip away, losing to the Utah Jazz 99-96. The Timberwolves held the lead until a late three-point shot by Kyle Korver. Randy Foye answered on the opposite side of the court making both of his two free throws. However, their attempts weren't enough as Mehmet Okur made the game winning shot for Utah with one second remaining on the clock.

The future for the Wolves is yet to be determined, but one thing is for certain, things are only going to get worse before they get better.

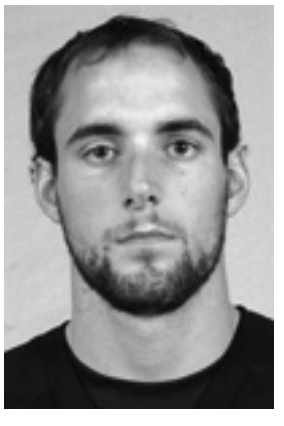


Joel Gaulrapp

This 6-foot 185-pound junior forward is from Owatonna, Minn. is a construction major. In his spare time, Gaulrapp enjoys fishing, hunting and playing softball. When he attended UW-Superior as a sophomore, Gaulrapp was named to the all-NCHA and WIAC team and was also named the WIAC player of the week on Oct. 30 and Nov. 26.

A week after scoring three goals and two assists to lead UW-Stout to a weekend sweep over St. Norbert College and Lake Forest College, Gaulrapp was named the WIAC hockey athlete of the week. On Dec. 5, Gaulrapp helped UW-Stout defeat the fourth-ranked and defending national champion St. Norbert 5-2. Gaulrapp had a strong game scoring only 28 seconds into the first period and again midway through the final period.

The Blue Devils hockey team is off until Thursday, Jan. 8 when they will travel to St. John's University.



Blue Devils beat Northwestern at buzzer but Blugolds rout UW-Stout

Dani Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team lost in the final minutes on Dec. 6 to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds with a score of 73-68.

Last season, the Blue Devils finished 17-10, 10-6 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Immediately the Blue Devils had to dig deep with senior Dani Boese out until December with a knee injury. Boese was a regular in the center position for the last three seasons. Head coach Mark Thomas said, "I would feel better if she were 100 percent."

Coach Thomas feels better about the play of junior forward Julia Hirssig. Last season Hirssig was a first-team all-WIAC pick, player of the year finalist, an all-region pick and led the WIAC in both scoring and rebounding. She also led all of Division III in field goal percentage with a 0.648.

Thomas is expecting juniors Megan Maslowski and Danielle DeWitt and sophomore Trisha VanVreede to make contributions underneath. He said, "Each has their own style, so depending on the flow of the game, we will see who gets the minutes." Thomas wants to use sophomore Kristen Larmy's scrappy play more often this season.

Senior Charlee Edwards, one of four seniors, is ahead physically from last year according to coach Thomas. "Hopefully she can pick up where she left off last year," he said. Senior Lindsey Gerber will have the inside track at the point guard spot. Sophomores Alex Suda and Alisha Todd are also looking to gain some playing time in the point guard spot.

The team most recently dropped its opening conference game on Dec. 6 to the Blugolds 73-68. The Blue Devils led the game at halftime 31-29 then moved as much as four points ahead. With six minutes left in the game, UW-Eau Claire took a 60-59 lead and never trailed, even with UW-Stout pulling UW-Eau Claire's lead to within one after falling behind as much as 10.

The Blue Devils hit 11 of 18 from the 3-point arc. Edwards hit all four of her 3-point attempts and finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds for the only Blue Devil double-double. Hirssig finished with 11 points and VanVreede also added in 10 points.

UW-Stout pulled off a buzzer winner on Dec. 2 against Northwestern College. The game was supposed to be a tune-up game before the Blue Devils opened their conference season but turned into a nail-biting finish. Hirssig hit a shot at the buzzer to put the Blue Devils ahead 65-63.

UW-Stout trailed for almost the entire first half. In the second half they gained the lead and then lost it midway through the half. Junior Danielle DeWitt took the lead back after hitting a 3-pointer with three minutes remaining.

With 16 seconds remaining Northwestern tied the score with a 3-pointer. Hirssig got the final shot off just as the buzzer sounded after a 3-pointer dribbler from DeWitt. She finished with 18 points on the night, and pulled down nine rebounds, eight of which were offensive.

DeWitt finished with 11 points and junior Kim Stokke finished with 13 points and eight rebounds. Edwards scored all eight of her points in the second half. Maslowski had nine points and nine rebounds. The Blue Devils dominated the boards with a 53-28 advantage, pulling down 27 offensive rebounds; VanVreede and freshman Tanya Dickey finished with six rebounds each.

Nov. 26-30 UW-Stout hosted the UW-Stout tournament where they won the championship against Dubuque on Nov. 30 with a score of 97-63. Maslowski scored a career high 18 points.

UW-Stout led 45-32 at the half and just kept running from there. The team eventually cleared the bench. Hirssig finished with 13 points and nine rebounds. Dickey finished with 11 points and Stokke added in 10 points.

In the Blue Devils' opening game of the tournament they saw Cardinal Stritch and won with a score of 79-65. Hirssig, VanVreede and Edwards combined for 57 points. In the second half, UW-Stout built as much as a 17-point lead. Edwards finished with a career-high of 21 points, Hirssig finished with 19 points and VanVreede also had a career high of 17 points.

In the St. Norbert College tournament Nov. 15 and 16 the Blue Devils went 1-1. In the opening game of the tournament the Blue Devils put up a 17-point victory against North Central College 87-70. Hirssig finished hitting eight of 10 from the floor and made seven-of-eight shots from the free-throw line. She also had nine rebounds. The Blue Devils had three double-doubles. Edwards added in 16 points and DeWitt added in 10.

UW-Stout couldn't pull off a victory against St. Norbert, losing 76-71. There wasn't a lead of more than six points either way throughout the entire game. Hirssig scored 22 points, with 18 coming in the first half. She also added in 124 rebounds, six coming in the second half. Hirssig was named to the all-tournament team along with DeWitt who added 13 points. Edwards contributed 11 points.



Photographed by Layne Pitt
Freshman guard Tanya Dickey passes the ball to a teammate when the Blue Devils played Northwestern College on Dec. 2.

UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans on Dec. 13 and Minnesota State-Mankato on Dec 18. Over holiday break, the team will travel to South Dakota to play Augustana on Dec. 20 and will travel to California to play in the CA Lutheran Tournament.

New talent and competitive play provides hope for the future

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

In a season in which they were predicted to finish no higher than sixth place in their conference, the 2008 Blue Devil football team was able to nullify that prediction, showcase some new talent and play competitive football every time they took the field.

To close out the 2008 season was the annual senior day game with this year's opponent being the Blugolds of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The first 30 minutes of the game were a collection of drives stalling followed by punts for both teams until the UW-Eau Claire special teams came through with a big play when they blocked a punt attempt by Kyle Martin, giving them the ball on the Blue Devil 11 yard-line.

This led to an easy field goal for the Blugolds and a 3-0 lead that they would take with them into the locker room at half time.

The start of the second half saw UW-Eau Claire explode out of the gates with an excellent kick return and three carries by their halfback. Later, they were in the end zone with a 10-0 lead.

In comparison to the hot start by UW-Eau Claire, the University of Wisconsin-Stout seemed to be stuck in the mud as they went three-and-out on their first possession to give the ball back to a red hot UW-Eau Claire offense.

The Blugolds carried over the momentum from their opening drive and proceeded to march downfield with the drive culminating in an eight-yard touchdown reception by UW-Eau Claire's David Goodman.

The 17-0 lead held by the Blugolds stood until there was only 22 seconds left on the clock. It was at this time that the UW-Stout offense was able to muster together a scoring drive from the arm of Kyle Provos to the hands of Antawan Walker for a 32-yard score. The extra point was something of an adventure as the snap was mishandled and the final score ended up being 17-6.

While the Blue Devils weren't able to end their season on a positive note on the football field, they were able to boast the selection of 10 members of their football team to the all-WIAC team.

There were four first-teamers, three second-teamers and three honorable mentions. Marcus Ball, Jake Pomputis, Dustin Tervelt and Craig Warminski were the first team selections.

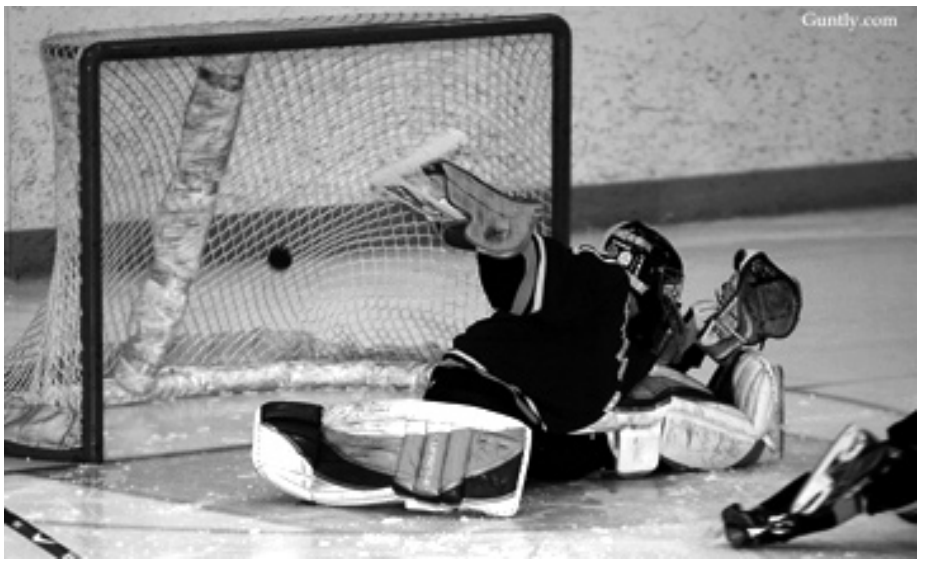
Nate Newholm, Scott Riha and Andy Towner were elected second team, while Patrick Menglekoch, Brock Stimson and Cody Weltzen were honorable mention.

Passing leader for the season was Kyle Provos who completed 50 percent of his passes for 1544 yards with 12 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

His number one target was the previously mentioned Menglekoch who had 39 catches for 438 yards and five touchdowns. Leading rusher was first team selection Warminski who gained 859 yards with eight scores and averaged just under six yards per carry.

The season's final standings were five wins and five losses with a conference record of three wins and four losses.

Hockey team makes a commanding return to the rankings



Photographed by Garret Guntly
The UW-Stout hockey team scores a goal against St. Norbert on Dec. 5.

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the midseason point of the 2008-09 men's hockey season begins to show itself on the horizon, the Blue Devils look to continue their winning ways in the second half of the season that is laden with critical conference match-ups. Game after game, this year's squad continues to mesh as a team and they aren't shy about showing off their ability to spread the puck around as three players are in double digits in assists while three other players are within two helpers of joining the double-digit assist club. During one potentially brutal stretch earlier this season the team had four consecutive matchups with nationally ranked teams. Rather than be overwhelmed by such a strong group of opponents, the Blue Devils approached the situation one game at a time and were able to win three out of four of those contests to earn them a spot at number twelve in the USCHO.com Division III Rankings. Their only loss in that span came to the University of Wisconsin-Superior team that is widely considered the best in the nation. To go more in depth with just what took place the past six games, here is a look at some of the highlights.

Vs. UW-Superior: L 3-1 With their first game against conference leading UW-Superior, each and every one of the Blue Devils roster members knew they had to be focused throughout the game given the quality of their opponent. It sure didn't help that level of concentration as the game was delayed for nearly an hour, as there was a Zamboni malfunction that needed to be addressed before play could start. This may or may not have made a difference in the level of focus for the University of Wisconsin-Stout but it certainly didn't for UW-Superior as they fueled themselves to yet another win in their extremely successful 2008-09 campaign.



Photographed by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout men's hockey team celebrates after defeating St Norbert 5-2 on Dec. 5.

Vs. St. Scholastica: L 5-2 In what looked to be a competitive game after one period of play turned into a nightmare for the Blue Devils. Tied at one apiece heading into the second period, the Saints hit their shots in just the right places as they took only four shots but scored on three of them to give them a 4-1 lead after two periods played. The third period was little more than a game of puck control for the Saints as they wrapped up a 5-2 road victory for UW-Stout's first, and so far only, home loss of the season.

@ UW-Stevens Point: W 4-3 Just to make things interesting for the crowd of 1133, the visiting Blue Devils gave up three unanswered goals in the first ten minutes of the game. This wasn't something a team does when facing a quality opponent such as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and expects to walk away with a victory. However, even after presenting themselves with what seemed like insurmountable odds, that come-from-behind magic that UW-Stout was so fond of earlier in the season made another well-needed appearance as the Blue Devils racked up four unanswered goals to snatch a victory from the hands of the Pointers in a miraculous 4-3 come-from-behind win.

Vs. UW-Eau Claire: W 2-0 Another day, another game against a nationally ranked conference opponent. Rather than risk giving the crowd a series of heart attacks after their last come-from-behind victory, the Blue Devils resorted to the old-fashioned way of gaining a lead and holding it through solid team defense and timely goaltending. Both goals were scored in the first by leading scorer Derek Hanson and fourth leading scorer Joel Gaulrapp. The shutout was recorded by Matt Koenig who stopped 37 shots in the victory.

Vs. St. Norbert: W 5-2 In perhaps what will be used as a statement game for the rest of the season was the way that UW-Stout hockey team handled the national champions from the previous season who also ended their season early last year in the quarterfinals of the playoffs. Headlined by an offensive-minded Gaulrapp (2 Goals, 1 Assist), UW-Stout took command of the game from the get go by jumping out to a 4-0 lead midway through the second period. A couple goals by St. Norbert put the score at 4-2 but the game-icing goal by Gaulrapp with just over ten minutes to play sealed the deal in a 5-2 win to give them their third straight win over a ranked team in as many games.

Vs. Lake Forest: W 4-3 Sticking to a recent trend of putting games out of reach with a flurry of goals during a critical portion of the game, UW-Stout was able to continue this phenomenon with a three-goal explosion in the second period. Previous to this scoring outburst, both teams were deadlocked at one apiece following a fairly competitive opening period of play.

In the second period it seemed that Lake Forest left what was keeping them competitive in the locker room as UW-Stout capitalized on the power play for two of those goals while Eric Scovill picked up just his second goal of the season to help propel UW-Stout to a 4-1 lead that would eventually keep the game out of reach as Lake Forest could only muster two goals the duration of the game to bring the final score to 4-3 in favor of the home team.

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Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball

Record: 2-5
The UW-Stout men's basketball team had a come-from-behind victory over Minnesota-Crookston, at the championship game of the UW-Stout 2008 Super 8 Turkey Shootout on Sunday Nov. 30. UW-Stout put up a good first half defensively, keeping Crookston scoreless in the first five minutes of the game. The Golden Eagles, however, came back to trail by only eight points at halftime. The Blue Devils held the lead and defeated the Golden Eagles 68-63. UW-Stout opened their WIAC season against UW-Eau Claire on Dec. 6.

Next game: (Home) Against UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.

Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 9-4
The Blue Devils hockey team has been on track recently as is has won four of its last five games. The Blue Devils easily put away the fourth-ranked St. Norbert's College on Dec. 5 when they won 5-2. UW-Stout's Joel Gaulrapp was named the WIAC hockey athlete of the week after he scored three goals and two assists in a weekend sweep over St. Norbert College and Lake Forest College.

Next game: (Away) Against St. John's on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Record: 4-2
The UW-Stout women's basketball team has been on a roll recently, winning three of its last four games. On Nov. 29 the Blue Devils played against Cardinal Stritch in the UW-Stout Thanksgiving Tournament. The Blue Devils defeated Cardinal Stritch 79-65 to move on to play against Dubuque Nov. 30. UW-Stout was able to keep their winning streak rolling as they defeated Dubuque 97-63.

Next game: (Home) Against Minnesota State-Mankato on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

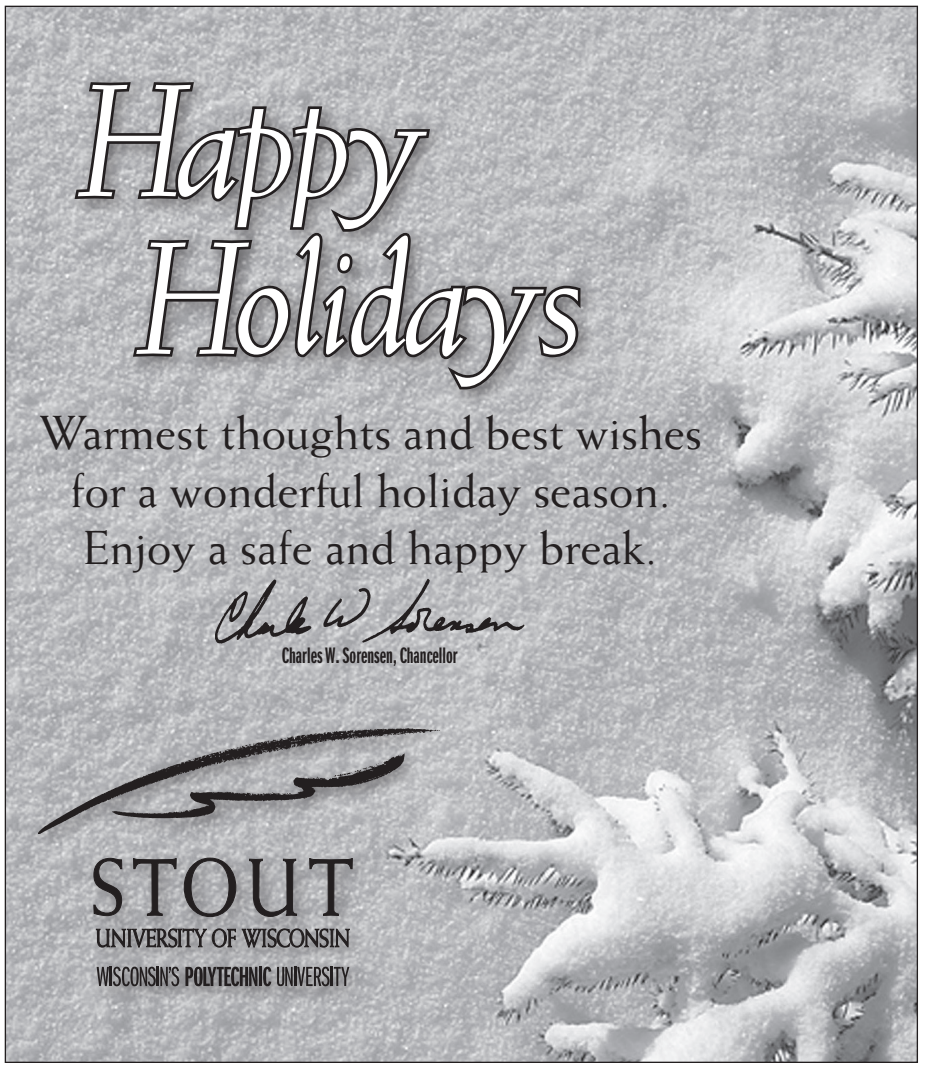
Hockey team is currently tied for second place in the NCHA, both men's and women's teams win championship games in the UW-Stout Thanksgiving Tournament.

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Winterdaze Parade
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(4th St. to Main, South on
Broadway to 10th Ave.)
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Intro to Apparel Design
and Development
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7 p.m.
Huffs, MSC

Friday, December 12

Ceramics Guild Pottery Sale
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Furlong Gallery Atrium,
Applied Arts Building

Last Day of Classes

Saturday, December 13

Ceramics Guild Pottery Sale
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Furlong Gallery Atrium,
Applied Arts Building

December Commencement
9:30 a.m.
Johnson Field House

Graduation Buffet 2008
Cost: $10.95 payment by Dec. 5
$11.95 payment after Dec. 5
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Great Hall, MSC

Sunday, December 14

Mid-Night Breakfast
10 p.m. to Midnight
Commons and Tainter Dining Rooms

**Monday, December 15 –
Friday, December 19**

Evaluation Week

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Friday, January 2

Winterm Classes Begin

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Day, No Classes

Wednesday, January 21

Winterm Classes End

Monday, January 12

Semester II officially begins

Entertainemt

Thursday, December 11

Open Mic
8 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Friday, December 12

Winter Party RPG Game Night
5 p.m. to Midnight
Cedar/Maple/Oakwood Rooms, MSC

Weaver At The Loom - music
7 p.m.
The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse,
Menomonie

John Jorgenson Quintet
Cost: $24 adults, $21 students/seniors
8 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, December 15

Free Improv Comedy Shows
7 p.m.
The Underground, MSC

Thursday, December 18

Eau Claire Children's Theatre
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7 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, December 20

Menomonie Six "A Night to Remember"
Cost: $12 adults, $10 students/seniors,
$6 children
8 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Sunday, December 21

The Memories "Holiday Show"
Cost: $18 adults, $16 students/seniors
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics

Saturday, December 13

Men's and Women's Basketball
vs. UW-Oshkosh
Men's: 5 p.m.
Women's: 7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Thursday, December 18

Women's Basketball vs.
Minnesota State – Mankato
7 p.m.
Menomonie, WI

Saturday, December 20

Women's Basketball vs. Augustana S.D.
1 p.m.
Sioux Falls, SD

Men's Basketball vs. Goucher College
5 p.m.
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Sunday, December 21

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1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1520 7th Street	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
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1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
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1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$330	$165	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	921 Main Street #2	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Good location, parking, nice-sized rooms, porch	4
2	1	921 Main Street #4	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street	$425	$213	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	$480	$240	n/a	n/a	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl.	4
2	1	1502 10th Street	$530	$265	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
4	1	915 Main Street	$600	$150	$780	$195	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4	1	1120 15th Avenue	$620	$155	$790	$198	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$800	$200	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$720	$180	$900	$225	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	$800	$200	$975	$244	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	2	1319 8th Street	$800	$200	$980	$245	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
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4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	$820	$205	$970	$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1	2235 South Broadway	$920	$230	$1,120	$280	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
4	2	400 18th Avenue	$1,040	$260	$1,240	$310	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	$660	$132	$860	$172	Very large rooms, washer/dryer, nice yard, parking	D
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$1,000	$200	$1,225	$245	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	$1,200	$240	$1,450	$290	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
6	2	504 10th Street	$900	$150	$1,180	$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,100	$183	$1,350	$225	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	$1,280	$213	$1,560	$260	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,350	$225	$1,650	$275	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$1,225	$175	$1,485	$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H

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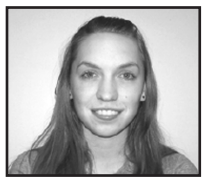
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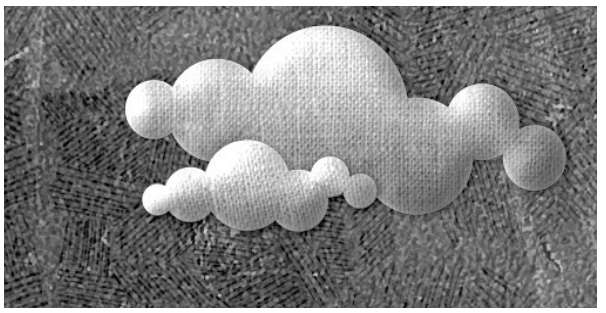
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What every student should know about tax write-offs

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

Looking for a little cash back after this past semester's expenses? According to Experience Inc., the nation's leading provider of career services for college students and alumni, 28 percent of college students polled said they are already saving money to pay off their student loans. With the increase in finding alternate ways for paying for your education, there is very little information that the majority of the student body is aware of concerning writing off your tuition and required supplies for class.

Businesses have been using tax write-offs to their advantage for years. Whether it was writing off company vehicles or fuel costs, with the collection of receipts, businesses and employees are able to write-off things such as professional licenses needed, safety equipment required by the work force and for those students that need supplies like paints, brushes, canvases, paper or certifications for art classes.

Chad Bock, Menomonie firefighter and personal business owner of All-Pro Construction, said that he uses tax write-off methods for his personal business. This only applies if the person's supplies exceed $2,500 in cost. According to Bock, "I wrote off things such as work boots, protective gloves, helmets and ear plugs." With the money saved from tax write-offs for his small business, the money received back covers what was taken in taxes from being a firefighter. If you were to go to school to become a firefighter paying out of pocket, you are able to write off tuition paid.

Maria Belden, employed by Speiker and Co. located in Prior Lake, Minn., filled me in on a few write-off options recognized by the federal government. If you are not considered a dependent of your parents, the following options will give you the opportunity for cash back. In the case that you are declared a dependent by your parents, they also have the possibility of the following options. The first and most popularly used deduction method is through The Hope Credit. This deduction can only be used in the first two years of your post secondary schooling. This means you can use it in your freshman and sophomore years of college but must be pursuing and be declared in an actual institutional major. This is covered under the Federal Government Form 1098 located on IRS.gov. According to the IRS, this is a nonrefundable credit, meaning you can reduce your tax of your tuition to zero but if the credit is more than your tax, the excess tax will not be refunded to you. For example, say you spend over $2,400 on your tuition, you will receive up to $1,800 back if proclaimed as a part-time student. A Wisconsin/Minnesota resident paying $252.80 per credit, on an average of 16 credits, is paying $4,044.80 each semester squeezing out $8,089 a year from each student when not including Winterm or summer classes or room and board. That exceeds the $2,400 therefore making you eligible for the $1,800 back through The Hope Credit.

Another useful deduction method is through Lifetime Learning Credit. If you spent over $10,000 on tuition in a year, you are able to get 20 percent of your expenses paid back. This program is guaranteed for life. It applies all the way through programs such as master's programs, Ph.D and adults returning to school to complete a further degree.

The last method Belden discussed was the Tuition and Fees deduction according to the Federal Government Publication 970 of 2008. This is where most students qualify and is based on your income. All of this information referring to tuition reimbursements and ways to locate receipts can be found by contacting the Registration and Records Office.

As for the students looking for refunds beyond tuition expenses, there may be hope for the starving art students on campus. Supplies, such as expensive, tiny bottles of paint required to have in class in order to participate, can be written off as well under the Publication 970 by the Federal Government.

"If I don't have any materials, why should I even show up?" said junior University of Wisconsin-Stout graphic design student Aaron Johnson. "All these supplies not included in tuition are an added expense put onto us that they don't even explain."

Andrea Brower, a senior business major said, "I had no idea you could do that. It's hard to remember to keep your receipts."

As for human development and family studies students, volunteer work and the transportation to its location can be paid back in full if you keep the receipts for gas and track of the mileage. This can be done through a 2008 Tax Deduction Finder given to you by a tax consultant.

Although some medical expenses located on the 2008 Tax Deduction Finder, such as dental insurance, glasses and eye doctor appointments and laser eye surgery can be covered, there is also another short-term medical program specialized for those between jobs, those waiting for employer benefits and new graduates. This short term medical coverage is through Assurant Health of Minnesota (also available for Wisconsin residents). Their program is an affordable way to protect yourself against extreme medical bills until you have your own personal coverage. This doesn't apply to incidences where the person is under the influence.

At IRS.gov, these guidelines and other information can be found so that your tuition bill is really all you have to pay for classes



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Sustainable Stout



A new year's resolution

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

If you are finding that a month into your New Year's resolution your diet and fitness plans are not panning out, it is not too late to commit to a different resolution.

For a simple and easy New Year's resolution that won't leave you feeling fatigued and angry with hunger, consider making 2009 more sustainable.

Most people have heard of the simple and efficient ways for living a more sustainable life. These may include replacing plastic grocery bags with reusable cloth ones or swapping regular light bulbs for compact fluorescents.

However, there are many more unique and easy ways to make 2009 greener.

Water is a vital resource and many people in the world go without it daily. To conserve water, try reusing the water left over from boiling pastas or eggs. Once cooled, this water can be reused to water your plants.

Instead of simply turning off electronics when they are not in use, try unplugging appliances as well. Many electrical appliances such as DVD players and TVs continue to use energy even when they are turned off. Unplugging them not only conserves electricity, thereby reducing carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere, but also reduces your living expenses.

Living a more sustainable lifestyle can occur not only through conservation techniques, but from the products you use as well. Many popular cleaning companies are now offering eco-friendly alternatives. These products contain fewer toxins than heavy duty cleaners and are better for both you and the environment and can be found at Wal-Mart. The company Seventh Generation has a line of household cleaners that are bio-degradable and naturally derived. These products can be found at the local Menomonie Co-op.

Sustainable clothing and beauty products are often hard to find, but if you know where to look you could live 2009 both fashionably and sustainably. Web sites such as www.treehugger.com and www.coopamerica.org offer resources for finding online retailers that sell clothes made from sustainable fabrics such as recycled materials and sustainably harvested bamboo. Some trendy sustainable clothing retailers include www.simpleshoes.com, which sells shoes made from recycled plastics and tires, and www.thegreenloop.com, which sells things like sustainable boutique and high-end designer clothing and accessories.

Many beauty companies have jumped on the sustainable or green bandwagon, including brands such as Physicians Formula and Almay which can be found at Wal-Mart and Target. Two brands that carry excellent products and are made sustainably using natural and fair trade ingredients include The Body Shop and Aveda. The Body Shop carries cosmetics and unisex hair and body products. Aveda also carries cosmetics and products for men and women that are biodegradable and packaged in materials containing up to 80 percent post-consumer content.

Resolutions are often hard to stick to and most people give up on their commitments by February or March. However, making the resolution to live 2009 more sustainably can be easy and effective through simple and easy changes to your lifestyle.

Stout's new ETHICS Center

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

> "…will provide instructors with funds to teach new courses on ethics and attend conferences, as well as send students to seminars and conferences."

A million dollar donation has provided the University of Wisconsin-Stout with the Center for Applied Ethics.

The donation, provided by anonymous friends of the university, was donated in response to the scandals and corruption in today's popular culture.

Dr. Tim Shiell, a professor in the philosophy department, is the director for the center. Shiell explained that the center will have various subcommittees and directors who will oversee four areas of the center.

The first of these areas will be a grants panel. The panel will allocate a budget from the million dollar donation annually. This annual budget will provide instructors with funds to teach new courses on ethics and attend conferences, as well as send students to seminars and conferences. In the future, Shiell would also like to see funds allocated to an ethics debate team.

Another opportunity the Center for Applied Ethics will provide is "Ethics Day." This event will be held annually and will provide the UW-Stout population with information about what the center is doing for ethics and what else could be done. Speakers and a student panel are also being considered as part of the event's festivities.

A group focusing on ethics across campus will also be formed by the center. This group will focus on ethics inside UW-Stout's curriculum and ways to bring ethical issues to students and faculty outside of the classroom.

The last opportunity that the center will provide is a speaker series. This series will bring well-known and lesser-known speakers to campus, as well as provide other universities lectures from UW-Stout's faculty.

Aside from these four cornerstones of the ethics center, Shiell wants the center to run on student involvement. Shiell says in the past there was an unfunded ethics center, but this time around he wants some student input in every phase of the operation.



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Tim Shiell, professor in the philosophy department and future Ethics Center Director

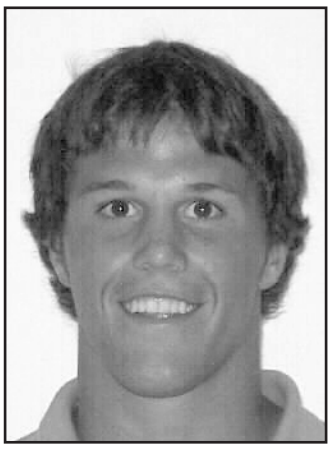
Shiell feels the center can offer UW-Stout interesting opportunities in the field of ethics and help UW-Stout meet its new polytechnic designation as the center assumes less of a theoretical approach to ethics, and more of a direct role in students' careers.

In the future, Shiell would also like to see the center staffed by students who develop projects based on applied ethics. He also would like to invite students, faculty, staff, alumni and local citizens to participate in the center. For more information and to get involved, please contact Dr. Tim Shiell at shiellt@uwstout.edu.

Winter break takes heavy toll on student body | Four students die in vehicle accidents



Jason Daniels, 31



Jacob Jaeckels, 21



Martin Platek, 20



Caitlin Higgins, 21

Jason Jean Daniels, 31, died Jan. 8, 2009 as a result of an automobile accident in Bloomer, Wis. Daniels was a senior in the vocational rehabilitation program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and an Altoona police officer.

Daniels is survived by his wife, Lisa Daniels, and sons Jaxson and Gabriel of Eau Claire. Funeral services were held Jan. 12 in Rice Lake at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Jacob Jaeckels, 21, died on Jan. 15, 2009 as a result of a one-vehicle accident on Interstate 94 near Monticello, Minn. He was a senior in the packaging engineering program and a member of the Chi Lambda fraternity. He was driving to work for his first week at his internship at Adalis Corp.

The visitation was on Jan. 18 at the Foley Funeral Home in Foley, Minn. followed by funeral services Jan. 19 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Foley, Minn.

Martin E. Platek, 20, and Caitlin L. Higgens, 21, died as a result of a snowmobile accident Jan. 1, 2009 in Douglas County. Both were juniors at the UW-Stout.

Platek of Inver Grove Heights, Minn. was pursuing a degree in business administration. Funeral services were held on Jan. 7 at the Church of St. Patrick in Inver Grove Heights. The visitation was held Jan. 6 at the same location.

Higgins was an apparel design and development at UW-Stout. Her hometown was Little Canada, Minn. Funeral services were held Jan. 6 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ in St. Paul, Minn.

Platek's guestbook can be found at: www.legacy.com/twincities/GB/GuestbookView.aspx?PersonID=122160415.

Higgins' guestbook can be found at: www.legacy.com/twincities/GB/GuestbookView.aspx?PersonId=122160379.

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

Author Unknown

When I come to the end of the road,
and the sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that was once shared.
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
and each must go alone.
It's all a part of the master's plan,
a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know.
Bear your sorrow in good deeds. Miss me,
but let me go.



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Coming out on campus

Lauren Seering
UW-Stout student contributor

Some say that homosexuality is a choice. But if you ask anyone who is, they will tell you otherwise. Social pressure and religion may play a big part of the whole "coming out" process, but who can you really turn to when you want to become more open about your sexuality? At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, the answer is simple. Whether you are shy or open, this campus provides a group that will do all it can to help with the coming out process.

"I think that allowing people to hang out removes stereotypes and judgment in the Ally Center, and allows people to be themselves without fear of being shunned or dismissed," explained Jory Lehman, the current co-president of the Out@Stout group.

Since the former president Jennifer Traxler stepped down this semester after four years, two new students, Nina Borchowiec and Jory Lehman, have taken the reins. Both students decided that two heads are better than one, and both felt capable of sharing the responsibilities. Their job is to make students feel like they have a place where they can go, be it to talk about common things or make new friends who have a variety of interests.

"There is a need for [organizations such as Out@Stout]. They need activism, safe spaces and networks with people who are like-minded. There is a need to have accountability for the school that you go to, and the things you are a part of. They are common around other states; there are a lot of gay-straight alliances in the UW system alone," explains Lehman.

Jeanne Foley, one of the two advisors of the group, also added, "[It's] an automatic group they feel safe and comfortable with. Especially for gay or lesbian students, it's hard to know who else is safe to talk to. Gay or straight-ally, it at least gives a foot in the door to start making friends."

This year alone has shown a boost in activity for the group. It sponsors such events as drag shows, the Day of Silence in March, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning awareness month in October, a variety of workshops, speakers, and talking about personal issues. It's also very involved in events like homecoming, or planning trips to different social activism conventions. The group switches between regular or "business" meetings to game nights, where they watch movies and play board games. The group, now with 55 members, keeps growing despite misconceptions that you need to be gay to be in such a group. You can join as an ally or supporter.

"I think that it's a common stereotype, that if you're a part of an organization, then that's what you are," Lehman laughs. "They instinctively stereotype people, 'Oh, you're different than me,' or 'You're the same as me, that's awesome!'"

The student body of UW-Stout also seems to be very accepting of the group and homosexuals in general, as was demonstrated in the protest against the Westboro Baptist Church last spring.

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>
> Jory Lehman

"The group was on my radar well before they came here," Foley explains. "[At the protest] I was impressed with how the students handled themselves. Our students standing up against that kind of discrimination and clearly getting it, that it was totally unfair not just to the students who died in the fire but linking it to 'being gay' and realizing how gay people are really being smeared and discriminated against."

In an attempt to dispel many of the stereotypes about LGBTQ related groups, workshops or "safespace" training was offered throughout the month of October. This all-inclusive training can help people learn to be aware and sensitive to the differences of others and how damaging the effects of homophobia can be. For some people, "coming out" can be a difficult process. "Some people just don't have enough knowledge," Lehman recalls.

But the need to have your sexuality "out" is important. "Coming out is really something you do on your own time, whenever you're comfortable," Lehman comments. "It will help, mental-health wise, you to live a more authentic life with people and yourself. It allows you to be free of stress and well-adjusted to social environments."

Foley also mentions that she believes being "out" is fundamentally important thing. "To have [your sexuality] a secret can be stifling to your psyche. Having something so important about yourself a secret would be psychologically toxic." In recent years, it's rare to not find any student or faculty support organization like Out@Stout on different campuses across the United States. These groups vary in activity, but are still extremely important.

"Come by Out@Stout!" Lehman exclaims. "We are doing fun, open and all-inclusive things. It will be a really fun, good, easy-going experience. It's on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Ally Center!"

The perfect woman

Jill Johnson
UW-Stout student contributor

The perfect woman. Santa Claus. Unicorns. Mermaids. Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. What do these things have in common? Does the word "myth" ring a bell? Perhaps – or perhaps not. It may depend upon your gender. I hate to say it, but an epidemic is afoot. For some reason, otherwise perfectly reasonable, seemingly-intelligent men seem to think that somewhere, in this very galaxy, a hybrid version of Heidi Klum, Gisele Bundchen, Angelina Jolie and Jessica Alba, an ideal goddess, the perfect woman, is now or will soon be falling from Mount Olympus, and that she shall, when these guys least suspect it, probably while they're on the cusp of getting into a relationship with a real live human woman, fall into their grateful, expectant laps and proceed to perform circus-porn tricks that Larry Flynt hasn't even thought of yet.

Could someone please explain this phenomenon to me? Has everyone forgotten the not-so-late, still very great Paul Newman's response to an inquiry about infidelity, the pithy maxim, "Why go out for hamburger when you have steak at home?" Speaking of Maxim, is that the trash-heap of Peter-Pan-pandering mass media menace we have to thank for this collective disease of "Testosterone Entitlement Syndrome?" Has anyone clued the Maxim addicted men-folk into the wee little deal-breaker that the women featured in their fave magazine don't really exist? These women are altered, stuffed, buffed, air-brushed, Photoshopped and provided with faux personalities courtesy of clever junior editors who create their mythical cutesy, coy, yet irresistibly sexy personae.

But that's just the tip of the hubris iceberg. The saddest fact is this: What makes the guys who ignore or mistreat real women with real hearts and minds – on the off, delusional chance that their fantasy dream woman awaits – think that any such woman would want to be with them in return? The arrogance! Unbelievable! The irony is that their attitude alone is enough to keep real women at bay. So, hey, lonely guy! Wake up. Get off of your cloud and come back to earth. No real live woman with an ounce of pride is willing to deal with mythical competition. Figure it out, dudes. The first step out of your lonely caves means leaving behind the Maxim and the porn. Those women aren't real. Not only are they not thinking of you or dying to worship you, they just plain don't exist. Period.

letters to the editor

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Four reasons texting makes us unhappy

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

Texting has the possibility to destroy the world as we know it.

"Yeah, whatever, I love texting," you're probably saying. Texting isn't exactly the technological savior you may think it is. Sure, there are benefits. It's convenient and can be fun. And there are some occasions in which it's better to text rather than call, such as if you're somewhere loud or you just can't answer your phone.

But for some people, it has morphed from a mere convenience into almost a weird sort of alternative lifestyle. But here's the thing that no one talks about: there is such a thing as over-texting, and it's bad for you. We, as a society, do not benefit from a text-message lifestyle. Here are four reasons why.

First, our social skills become duller. How? Texting is too impersonal to make us happy**.** Human beings are like dogs in the sense that we have this basic instinct to be a social animal. We're hardwired to desire the company of other humans, and we crave the kind of bonding and emotional connections that texting cannot fulfill. The less we can see of the other person, the less personal the interaction. Why go meet your friends somewhere to speak about your plans for the weekend when you can do it through texting?

Besides experiencing a less genuine "yay-we-are-friends" fuzzy feeling, something else happens when we're missing the other physical half of a conversation: Almost half of what we say through texting is misunderstood. Scientists have come to the conclusion that in texts and e-mails, 40 percent of what we are trying to say is interpreted incorrectly.

How does that happen? Fun fact: when you're speaking to someone, only seven percent of what the other person is understanding is in the words. More or less, your words are close to meaningless, because in conversation, 93 percent of communication isn't "said" through what you're saying, it's the result of your vocal tones and body language. Example: Someone gives you a dead rat for a present. You say, "I really don't want that." Chances are near 100 percent that what really clued this other person into how you'd rather die than accept that deceased rodent as your own was due much more to your disgusted facial and body posturing and your revolted tone, rather than your dialogue itself, despite the fact that your words conveyed your message clearly enough. But passing on these subtleties through texting can be a challenge, and if 40 percent of your text is misunderstood, can you be sure this other person really understands you?

Compare a text message conversation to an actual conversation and think of the differences. When texting, you are able to stop, think and then write whatever you want (should you choose to reply), thereby presenting yourself as you please and at your leisure. You can't hide yourself so easily in a face-to-face conversation. How much of who you really are ends up being conveyed through a text if 40 percent of it is being misunderstood and you're able to paint whatever portrait of yourself you desire? How well do they really know you if so much of your interaction is through your phone's keypad?

But sometimes we don't want to meet



someone else in person, or even talk to them on the phone, which is fine. It happens to everyone. But the problem is when people start to use texting to avoid (necessary) social interactions.

Good social skills are largely learned and developed, sometimes unconsciously, sometimes consciously. For example, outside irritants (such as annoying people) are something that one builds a tolerance toward. If, for whatever reason, you feel uncomfortable around someone, texting is much easier than calling or speaking to them in person. You don't want to talk to them, yeah, but avoiding those you find annoying isn't something you can (or should) always do in society. Dealing with people you don't like is the real world and you have to get used to it. But some people become accustomed to filtering their worlds so they won't communicate with anyone unpleasant outside of technology. Who doesn't know someone who seems to communicate more through texting than actual person-to-person conversation?

Yeah, duh. Everyone knows of someone whose phone is seemingly glued to their hands. Don't we all have friends who claim that texting is their crack? Well, in a way, it is. Texting is addictive. Some people actually become addicted to their cell phones and become text message junkies, so to speak. It happens enough that some psychiatrists are actually considering diagnosing obsessive texting as a mental disorder. I am not making this up. Think that you may be one of these addicts? There are four distinct symptoms:

1. Excessive use to the point of interference with daily activities and life in general. Examples include texting in class in lieu of paying attention, not sleeping because of a text message war or texting while driving (which, as we all know, drastically increases your chances of killing yourself, other drivers or pedestrians).

2. Withdrawal symptoms if one's phone or ability to text is taken away. Try to take away this junkie's phone and watch for symptoms that are eerily similar to a smoker without their Parliaments.

3. Building up a tolerance. Text junkies get a "high" and, like any druggie, a tolerance builds, so more and more "drug" (texting) is needed.

4. There are negative repercussions as a result of your texting, such as becoming socially isolated because you forget how to have face-to-face conversations.

I knew someone in high school who went through 3,000 texts a month, and that was less than two years ago. Nowadays, it's becoming increasingly common for shrinks to see people who send up to 5,000 texts a month. That's about 167 texts a day. Just outgoing.

I'm not much of a texter. I dislike it, for the reasons explained above and because of a few other personal issues. I feel that it takes three hours to have a conversation through texting that would take less than five minutes in person. I'm sure that the fact that I only have 200 texts a month (and that includes both incoming and outgoing) has something to do with it, but I prefer to just call people rather than returning their text, and I dare everyone else to start doing the same. I've had people tell me that they find this to be unusual, and I think that it says something strange about society when actually taking the time to talk to someone is seen as something out of the ordinary.



Marc Anderson/Stoutonia

Break-up etiquette – is it a fact or a myth?

Diona Johnson
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Breaking up sucks. You've spent however many months or years in a relationship investing and receiving, and then suddenly, problems that were once easily managed are now the center of your relationship. Before you know it, you're sitting in front of each other, feeling as if you're strangers, speaking unfamiliarly about a future as "friends" that you know won't last. You walk away from the conversation, feeling as if you should have said more, or maybe less, and then it smacks you in the face: you've broken up, and you are going to need the help of your girlfriends to get through it. I'd like to introduce the three types of girlfriends who give three different types of advice. Now, I'm not deeming this advice as right or wrong, but I will say this: watch out.

You call your first friend. Immediately, you realize that it's a mistake. Her mate is just perfect and it feels nauseating listening to her giggling, and clearly she is being more entertained by her boyfriend's company. She tells you, "It really is so sad that you two broke-up!" and says that if she were in this situation, she'd apologize to him, even if it wasn't her fault. She's never been single, nor does she grasp the concept of independence. You love her to death, but you two got along a little better when you weren't single. She suggests that you call him to try to get back together, and at the same time she's insinuating that you might have been the problem. Meanwhile, you want to throw the phone across the room, but something causes you to hold on to listen and wonder if, just maybe, were you the problem? Could you have tried harder? You half-heartedly thank her.

It's time to call girlfriend number two. After a brief recap, you wait for her diagnosis and you can hear the sound of her blood boiling. Suddenly, she is screaming into the phone, insisting that she knew that this guy was a "waste of time," and wants to know whether or not you would like her to put her three-inch stiletto where the sun doesn't shine. She fumes that men are "worthless" and how she is going to kick some serious ass and seems to be more upset about this break-up than you are. The entire time she insists that you were right about everything, and that men are the problem. Her ranting and her clear contempt of your ex make you feel a little better. But while your break-up was bad, it wasn't that bad. Still, you can't help but think: Was it entirely his fault? Did you settle for less? Should you ever have even dated this guy? How come you never saw how "worthless" he was? You thank her for the advice and then make her promise that she will not make any rash decisions that night.

Hopefully, third call's the charm. She picks up, hears the synopsis and takes no more than two seconds to respond with, "Well how long has it been?" You tell her it happened yesterday, and then she shrieks, "girl, you are still thinking about this? Hurry up and get dressed. I'm coming to pick you up and we are getting you someone new." Twenty minutes later, she's at your door. She recaps the various relationships she's had (none have been over three months), and how you need to do this relationship MTV-style and slap this relationship with a big, fat "NEXT." She lets you know that you are too cute to be waiting for a certain someone to get their stuff together and advises you to cheer up. Turns out that you have a blind date set up. Listening to the latest tips from "Cosmopolitan" on how to snag a hottie, you begin wondering some things: Should you move on? Are hook-ups a better option? Should you avoid the long-term thing? And how are you going to get out of this blind date?

When it comes to a break-up, our first instinct is to call someone else and make them our Dr. Phil, but it's not that easy. Breaking-up isn't just about realizing what you did wrong, or swearing off the opposite sex, or moving on to a rebound boy, so none of these three friends are going about this the right way. Break ups are about self-healing. I've had my share of heartbreaks, and I've certainly given and received advice. Most the time when I see my friends hurt, I tend to be girlfriend number two and promise my friends vengeance for their latest heartbreak, but there isn't any "right" advice. The only person that can tell you how to get over a break-up is yourself.

You might be absolutely devastated the first week and then feel okay the next. That's normal. It is also good to reflect on what went wrong. Too many girls spend far too much time making their ex into some sort of hero, but if the relationship really wasn't meant to be, what is the point in beating yourself up about it? A great role model once told me that what really heals the heart is time. You may never be 100 percent over a break-up, but you can learn how to cope with the situation wisely. Meanwhile, it is healthy to seek comfort in your friends. They're a gift, and we wouldn't be the people we are without them. But also realize that you are your own person with your own set of ethics. If your friend is going too far with the bashing of the ex, let her know, because only you know how the real story goes. Only you should have the ability to take back the power. In the meantime, smile, because you have an opportunity for some quality re-discovery of yourself.

Just remember this: love thyself.



Michel Balasis/www.michelart.com

That poor Pawn

Tiffany Willits
UW-Stout student contributer

While strolling through the MSC, many people head straight to the lower level to grab a meal or a snack at the Pawn. Every time I think about going to the Pawn, I absolutely dread spending money because half the time I go, I wonder how they can charge $5 for a small sandwich or $3 for a slice of pizza. I really don't know the answer to that question, yet I go in there because it is open until midnight and it is within walking distance from my dorm room.

But besides it being overpriced, has anyone who actually dines at the Pawn observed the decor? I find the walls to be mind-boggling. Once you really look at them, it's quite possible to have a headache. While I was eating at one of the tables in the Pawn, my eyes were drawn to a fishing net, a baseball bat and ball, a giant flying rainbow kite, random pictures and more sports memorabilia (including some Minnesotan teams, even though we are in the state of Wisconsin).

I have an idea. How about the University of Wisconsin-Stout encourages students in the graphic, industrial, interior and multimedia design, or even studio art programs, come up with new ideas or blue prints to re-design and/or create one solid theme? My opinion is that since UW-Stout is known for its art and design programs, how about it uses students who are passionate about their majors to contribute to the UW-Stout community? I believe teachers should use re-designing the Pawn as a possible project. While I am not an art major, I think that would be a practical assignment, because it relates their skills to the 'real world' and is greatly needed, even if the designs were just for fun or just a basic idea.

Maybe one day the Pawn will consider lowering its food prices, and maybe one day the dining area can be re-innovated with themes that don't include kites and baseballs, but as of now, the UW-Stout community can only hope for this dream to come true.

A shot at success | Stout student tries his hand on poker show

Alicia Riehle
Staff Writer

While many college kids may dream of appearing on a poker show, it certainly is not a reality for very many. Anthony "Tony" Wind, a University of Wisconsin-Stout student studying business, was lucky enough to try his chances on Fox Sports Network's poker series "Best Damn Poker Show." The taping of the show was last September and allowed Wind to spend four beautiful days in Highland, Cal. For the show, Wind's trip was all-expenses paid and he was able to play at the San Manuel Casino. All of the contestants met Poker News Daily columnist and poker player Annie Duke and 11-time World Series of Poker winner Phil Hellmuth Jr.

Wind has been interested in poker and has played the game throughout his whole life. "In the past few years I started to take it really seriously," Wind said. "I read books and magazines about the game to help give me an edge over other players."

After playing in the 2007 World Series of Poker Main Event Satellite at Treasure Island Casino in Minnesota, Wind's research of poker appeared to pay off. Wind finished the series as a finalist, which was great experience for him in the game. Wind often plays poker online and with his winnings he was able to buy an engagement ring for his fiance.

Wind stumbled upon the idea of auditioning for the show while he was watching poker on TV. He decided to check out the Web site shown and to make a five minute You Tube video as his audition, which has now gotten over 20,000 views. The network chose him and 23 other contestants and flew them all into California for the taping of the show's second season. Wind said that the layout for the taping included four tables with six players at each. The plan was for the players to play for an hour and a half while Hellmuth and Duke watched them on TVs from a different room. The premise of the show is that Hellmuth and Duke see who is playing well and kick one person off after each round, which is also one of the weekly episodes.

He was a little agitated in the beginning of the first round when he was dealt a disappointing hand and the video cameras at his table had some technical difficulties. Then, there was a misunderstanding about which Tony in the tournament was supposed to be moved up, and they picked the wrong one, which made Wind a little angry when he found out later. The final straw was when Hellmuth picked a Russian supermodel as his final pick over Wind, which was similar to Hellmuth's season one pick of a different female supermodel. After the loss, Wind said that he was "pretty bummed out for the rest of the day," but he soon realized there was still plenty of fun to be had on his trip. Wind enjoyed meeting and hanging out with many poker icons throughout his stay and was amazed at how much money they were all able to throw around.

Although Wind's experience on the show wasn't all he had originally hoped for, he said that it was a lot of fun and that it was a great experience. He was disappointed with Hellmuth's choice of the supermodel as the winner over him but said that he realized he was lucky enough to have some paid time in California, along with all of the experience he gained.

Wind may even have the chance to come back for the next season of the show if the network chooses to have a third season. "Hopefully more will come out of it," Wind said, explaining that other contestants from past seasons have come back on the show for a second shot if they had a rough time on the show. Wind's audition tape can be viewed at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w265ENGqgHQ.

There is also an article about him on poker listings at: http://www.pokerlistings.com/thetonzs-video-leads-to-poker-show-spot-30273.

The show airs on Monday nights at 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. on Fox Sports Network. The upcoming episode on Monday, Jan. 26, will feature Wind, who is also known as "The Tonz" in the Internet poker world.



Contributed photos

UW-Stout student Tony Wind (right in photo on left) poses in photos with other poker players who appeared on Fox Sports Network's poker series "Best Damn Poker Show," where he finished as a finalist.

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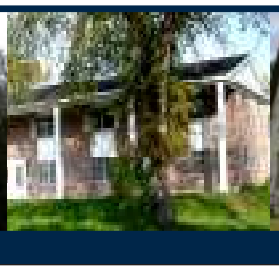
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Shoeless Revolution | sure to knock your socks off



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Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

What started as a love for music and participation in college jazz band has evolved to a well-loved and extremely unique band that plays across Minnesota and Wisconsin. Shoeless Revolution is a seven-man band that includes a three-piece horn section and enough energy to keep a crowd moving.

These band members met in La Crosse, Wisc., as individuals participating in music classes and in jazz band. When the group came together to play for a campus event, history was in the making.

From shoeless rehearsals to countless shoeless performances, Shoeless Revolution is a jazz-inspired group that takes as much joy in performing as it does pleasing the crowd.

Jack Sabol-Williams, vocalist and keys player of Shoeless Revolution, stated that the group's favorite part of performing is that "the more pumped the crowd, the more on-stage excitement, energy and presence there is."

As it returns to Menomonie to play once again at The Waterfront, the group looks forward to the fans: "[We] love Menomonie. There are great people that are friendly and down-to-earth. It feels like home. We hope to keep spreading the name and the fun."

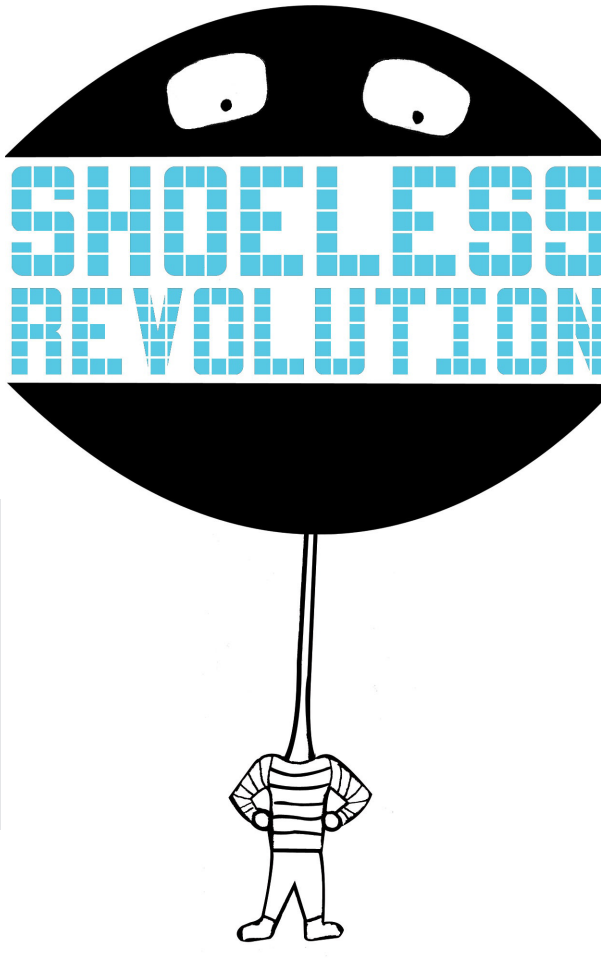
As a band that truly loves its fans, Shoeless Revolution looks forward to putting on a show that truly pleases the crowd and keeps people moving. "Whether it be an up-tempo funk or a laid-back groove, we want to feel good playing it, and at the same time bring something new to the listener's ear," says drummer and vocalist Reed Grimm. With the added kick of a three-piece horn section and a cross-pollination of musical styles, the Shoeless Revolution delivers an amazingly upbeat and entertaining performance that draws a crowd at every show, regardless of whether they are returning fans or newcomers drawn in by the energy on stage. With upcoming shows in both Menomonie and Eau Claire, this is truly an opportunity to be capitalized on.

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Friday, Jan. 30
Shoeless Revolution
@ The Mousetrap
311 S Barstow
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 832-8418
Music starts at 10 p.m.
FREE SHOW 21+

Want to know more?
Check out www.shoelessrevolution.com
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The Wire Tap

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Music at the Waterfront

Thursday, Jan. 22
Roster McCabe

Saturday, Jan. 24
Public Property

Thursday, Jan. 29
Shoeless Revolution

Saturday, Jan. 31
Charlie Parr

Music/ Events at The Stones Throw

Friday, Jan. 23
Pat McCurdy
10 p.m. $7

Saturday, Jan. 24
Heatbox + Root City Band
10 p.m. $6

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Saturday, Jan. 31
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Upcoming Album Releases

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Working on a Dream

Tuesday, Feb. 3

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The Fray

Von Bondies
Love, Hate, and Then There's you

Rail Jam | making the most of snow-covered Stout

Ileah Midthum
Entertainment Writer

Rail Jam is an event that takes the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus to whole new heights. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 on the hill on the south side of the multipurpose field. This area will be open for competitors and spectators alike. Whether watching or speeding down the hill, this is an event you will not want to miss!

Hosted by the Ski and Snowboard Club, this event will be a spectacular display of numerous talents on the slopes. All of the crew members for the set up and the duration of the competition will be members of the UW-Stout Ski and Snowboard club. This event is open to all UW-Stout students. There will be freestyle ski and snowboard rail park events that will be judged on the competitors' technique, style and ability to complete the course. The course layout will be set up with plenty of viewing space for spectators and judges alike.

There will be an open ride session held on Friday, Feb. 6 from 3-6 p.m. to give competitors the chance to get a feel for the course. Registration and another open riding session begin on Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. At noon, the competition kicks off. There are three different heats and a "best trick" competition, followed by an awards ceremony where winners will be awarded prizes and open ride will continue afterwards.

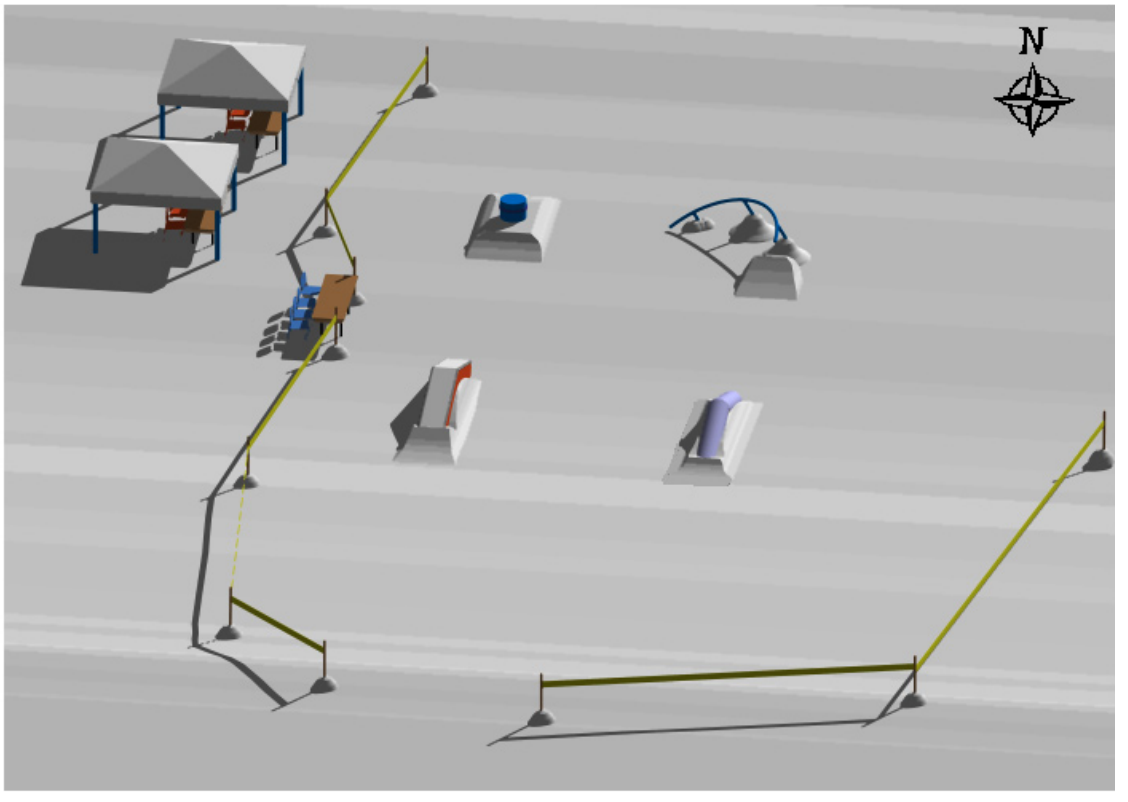
The cost for this event is $3 for unlimited open ride and $5 to compete, this also includes unlimited open ride for the two days. There is no cost to watch this event. All students who are participating in open ride must check in with the "keeper" and have a risk awareness waiver signed.

There will be three different divisions: women's snowboarder, skier and men's snowboarder, and there will be three different heats for each division. The heats will be scored separately and each individual in a particular heat will be scored separately. The three lowest scorers in each division will be dropped. Then, the two best heats will be added together and tallied on a point scale. Competitors are scored on a Uniform Scoring Sheet.

Scoring for the best trick event is a little different. There will be one male and one female winner and they each will be decided on the spectators' judgment.

Come support the UW-Stout Ski and Snowboard Club, and have some fun in the process! Signing up is not the only way to have a good time at this event: come and cheer on your favorite competitor or just simply enjoy the talent on the slopes. Whatever the case may be, this is not going to be something that you are going to want to pass up.

For more information on this event, keep an eye out for "Campus Life Today" e-mails and check out their Facebook group.



Picture contributed by Mike Heinze, President of Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club

World of Good empowers The Niche retail students for grand re-opening

Rachael Schreder
Guest Entertainment Writer

Today, many of our fashion trends are forecasted for us from the top designers, stylists and latest celebrities, but one unique woman found that following the leader of these powerful high fashion aristocrats isn't the only way.

Priya Haji, the co-founder and CEO of "World of Good," experienced poverty fashion on a trip overseas. This launched an idea to partner with poverty stricken areas around the world that have a craft for making fashionable goods. Her company, "World of Good," buys and sells fair-trade crafts from poverty-stricken artisan women. "World of Good" is a non-profit organization that substantially improves economic and social conditions for artisans and their families living on less than $4 a day.

The distinguishing factor of this company is that it empowers poverty-stricken women. Many women in foreign nations are not allowed to work outside their homes. Their husbands are the "man of the house" and the sole bread-winner. "World of Good" has given these women a chance to make their own money by doing what they love right out of their homes.

The growing economic situation in the United States has made Americans savvier consumers; we want more bang for the buck. "World of Good" products are priced affordably for the consumer, while the profits go to a great cause.

Green-conscious consumers want to make a difference by purchasing fashionable accessories which tout the theme "saving the world." Therefore, as future consumers we need to rethink our purchases: how they affect our environment and who they are helping or hurting. Gone are the days when runways of expensive designer clothes rule; welcome the trend of getting more for your dollar with a good cause behind it.

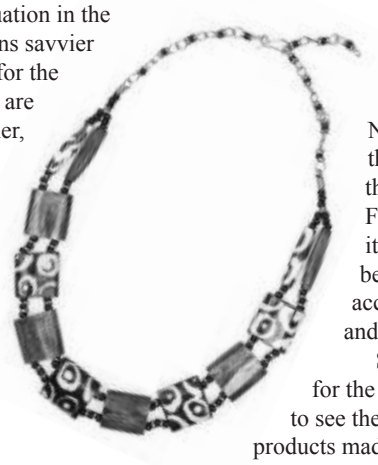


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The Niche has taken on this new trend and has partnered with "World of Good" for spring 2009. The Niche will be carrying these unique items in the grand re-opening Feb. 9. The unique items featured will be in the categories of accessories and giftware.

Stop into The Niche for the grand re-opening to see the unique fashionable products made by women in poverty-stricken areas of the world. Wouldn't it feel great to buy fashionable accessories that have a sustainable theme and, at the same time, help you complete your look with the latest trend?

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Inside-out season



Photo of Bobbie Thomas, contributed by Emily Jansesen

Emily Janssen
Entertainment Writer

Instead of letting the cooler weather eclipse your inner beauty, let it shine with these confidence boosting beauty tips from "The Today Show" style editor and America's "girlfriend," Bobbie Thomas.

In the midst of testing times in her life, Bobbie Thomas discovered a more relaxed view on beauty. "Beauty is everything we want it to be" was her encompassing message explaining that beauty is not a chore nor a duty, but a tool and a ritual to connect with the confidence within. While Bobbie was in town on behalf of Venus Embrace, she took a moment to share her beauty secrets, with the passion to help others find confidence like she has done.

Wisconsin winters have a tendency to leave us in the dull wake of diminishing degrees, but Thomas reminds us not to forget our beauty routine and leave our skin to fend for itself underneath scratchy sweaters and wool socks. This year, buff your skin to its most radiant appearance, nurture and energize your body and glow like the snow with your personal message of beauty. Use Bobbie's following tips as tools to help you to connect to the confidence within.

Radiate

The first step to defend against the arid environment is exfoliation. Before getting into the shower, furbish your skin with a dry body polishing towel or a dry loofah sponge. This will prep your skin to actually absorb the active ingredients from your products. To further prep your skin, experience shaving with the five-bladed Venus Embrace razor; it will be nearly impossible to switch back to anything you've used before. Finally, lather on the bubbles. In cold dry weather, opt for a moisturizing body wash like Caress Exotic Oil Infusions or Olay's Quench body wash.

Nurture

The key to beautiful skin is moisture, so be sure to nurture your skin after every shower this winter. Eva Mendez stands by cocoa butter as her moisturizer of choice, which has been deemed the stretch mark safeguard for years. We all struggle with the gain-five-pounds/lose-five-pounds sequence, so save your skin from falling victim to the unwanted stretch marks that weight fluctuation can cause with a quenching moisture wrap. Smooth on The Body Shop's Cocoa Butter Body Butter right after the shower and hydrate throughout the day with Burt's Bees lotion, which can be found at the University of Wisconsin-Stout's on-campus boutique, The Niche.

Energize

Though the couch, a cozy blanket and the remote control in hand can be addicting in the chillier months, we all know that sitting around all evening leaves us feeling less than sublime. When you can't bear to face the biting wind on a stroll around the block, revitalize with an exercise DVD. The Cardio Pilates DVD with Ana Cabán by Gaiam can be kept permanently stored in the laptop for easy access to an energy boost that is enjoyable all year round.

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Being frugal in a screwed economy

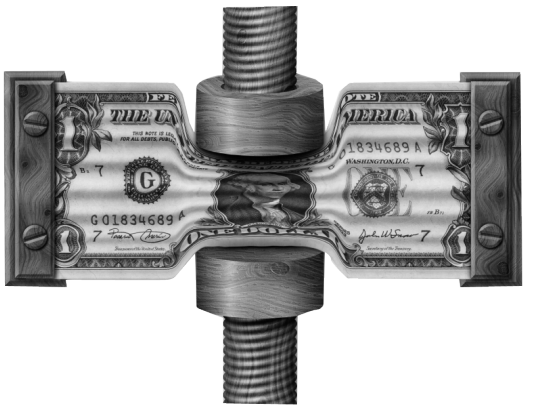
Jadyn Beyer
Entertainment Writer

It's hard enough to make ends meet as a college student, but with the economy like it is, things have become a little tougher. With this in mind, saving a little money goes a long way. Hopefully, the following suggestions on being frugal can help you and your roommates to pay your rent and still enjoy life's little adventures.

When you want to have a nice dinner out… Go to Applebees! Let's say you have a first date with someone and you think it's meant to be. You don't want her telling your kids, "He made me starve on our first date and told me it would be good for my waistline." Instead, take your date somewhere nice, but cheap. Applebees has half-off appetizers after 9 p.m. which are big enough for a whole meal without spending 10 bucks. Finding and utilizing deals like this will ensure that both you and your wallet remain full.

When you just want pizza…

You're in luck. Pizza is the greatest meal because it feeds many people for cheap. Jeff's Pizza Shop has great deals on pizza and Smotherella Sticks on Mondays and Tuesdays. Nevermind having too much to eat. You'll have meals for the next few days with all of the food you can get for under $15. If you dig Dominoes instead, great deals are found there on a regular basis. If you're in Eau Claire, try Little Caesars. A large "hot and ready" pizza goes for five dollars, which is a price you just can't beat.



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When you're grocery shopping…

Make sure to bring coupons! My mother is an expert at this. It may seem ridiculous to carry a wad of coupons with you, but when you're saving $20, it is definitely worth it. Check your receipt to see how much you saved, and you will continue to clip.

When you're shopping for clothes or for your apartment...

Try vintage or used stores. I have a friend who swears by Goodwill to decorate her stunning apartment, and I got the coolest clothes I've ever owned at a (now-closed) vintage shop in Madison. You can also try shopping during huge sales (after-Christmas sales, going out of business sales, etc.), which will help you to find huge savings on things you really want. Also…

When you want to buy WHATEVER…

Check the Internet. There are cheap items galore on Ebay, but I challenge you to search beyond that and see what kind of cool stuff you can find for insanely low prices. If you want a movie, game or book to occupy your time, search the Internet for used items that people are practically giving away. Speaking of games, if you have a wireless connection and a Wii, you can buy old games (hello, "The Legend of Zelda") for as little as $5. Not only will the game save properly (stupid NES games always losing their save files), but you'll also get to bring back memories and show kids today what video games were like in the good ol' days. Oh man, I'm getting old.

When you need to get away…

Take a road trip! Gas prices are more affordable now than when I got my license, which makes it the perfect time to take a trip. Let's face it: Menomonie is a great town, but being here all of the time can make me feel like I'm suffocating. A road trip cures feelings of suffocation and is an adventure. It doesn't have to be expensive, either. In January, the cheapest overnight stay you'll probably be able to find in America is at a motel. I'd advise you to avoid sleeping in your car in below-zero temperatures, but when the weather heats up a bit, your car is the least expensive place to stay. If you're only stopping somewhere to sleep, a rest area is ideal, but if you want to explore the new land you've stumbled upon, try camping, which is an adventure in itself. If you really want good deals, stop at the visitor center when you drive into a new state. The deals (and the potty breaks) you can find there are worth the stop.

So try some or all of these things during 2009. Resolve to make your life a little easier by spending less. Just don't mix this resolution with trying to lose weight, because unlike all of those other broke suckers, you'll still have enough money to eat.

Easy as pie: simple meals for a hungry student

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

As another semester begins, two realizations become apparent: finding time to eat will become more difficult, and it is much too cold to think about leaving the comfort of home to find food. With this mind, it may seem that opportunities for delicious meals have all but slipped away. The good news is that with less brain power and energy than it takes to finish a homework assignment, a delicious meal can be made and enjoyed. Certain food items, such as cans of soup and frozen products, make accomplishing this task that much simpler. Following are quick and easy meal ideas that require few kitchen items and even fewer spare minutes.

I have a can of soup. Now what?
Try the following easy and delicious ways to improve a can of soup.

Chili
Heat chili and use as a topping for frozen french fries. Add cheese and onions.
The same can also be done with hot dogs. By microwaving hot dogs for 40 seconds each, placing in a bun, and topping with heated chili, cheese and onions, a quick weeknight meal is made.

Microwave the hot dog in the bun for a warm, soft bun.

For a late night snack or weekend party, a can of chili can also be mixed with melted cheese to create a cheesy chili dip that is likely to disappear more quickly than your dog can eat homework.

Tomato soup
There is no reason for tomato soup to be a boring meal. While pairing with grilled cheese is always a quick and classic combination, countless other additions can be made to jazz up this simple soup.

Try adding typical pizza toppings such as sliced pepperoni, diced vegetables and cheese to give simple tomato soup some texture and a new flavor.

Dice some fresh tomatoes and basil to add to tomato soup for a fresher flavor.
Add seasoned black beans, a can of drained corn and diced pre-cooked chicken strips for a Southwestern twist.

Brown some ground Italian Sausage, add some green peppers and heat-and-eat tortellini (available in the pasta section of most grocery stores) for a unique Italian version of this soup.

Chicken gumbo
Highly underestimated and underused, chicken gumbo soup offers great cooking potential.

Brown 1 pound of ground beef, mix together with a can of chicken gumbo soup, a teaspoon of minced garlic and two tablespoons each of ketchup and mustard and serve on hamburger buns for a mild and tasty sloppy joe.

Cream of chicken soup
Mix one can of cream of chicken soup with a half-pound of cooked pasta for a unique pasta dish that's creamy and satisfying. Try adding some frozen broccoli or peas for added flavor and a boost in mind-nourishing nutrients.

One potato, two potato
Potatoes are well-known for their versatility and inexpensiveness. From baked to mashed and boiled to fired, potatoes are a great addition to a meal—but don't forget the skins! Potato skins hold many of the nutrients, and by tossing them out or peeling it away, you lose valuable nutrients that may help you start the semester strong!

Top microwave-baked potatoes with broccoli and cheese, purchased from the freezer section. Serve with cooked chicken breasts or baked fish.

Dice potatoes into half-inch pieces, boil them until a fork easily pierces the potato and can be easily removed.

Mix the cooked potatoes with pre-cooked chicken strips, diced celery, carrots, peppers and garlic with some salt and pepper for a dish reminiscent of chicken soup.

Purchase frozen hash browns and cook in a large frying pan with sliced Polish sausage and onions for a flavorful and quick dish. For added protein, add a scrambled egg and mix together.

Now, please.
Food options have never yielded so many ready-to-serve and heat-and-eat products. Following is a list of great quick food products that, with just a little creativity, yield endless potential.

Try pre-cooked chicken strips, often sold in a number of flavors in the meat section. Single-servings of frozen vegetables are a great way to add some daily nutrition and flavor quickly and hassle-free.

Pre-cooked pastas and easy-to-heat sauces are a quick meal option that offers great flavor at little cost.

Many meats and sausages are smoked and pre-cooked, meaning they only require a little heat to be enjoyed. Mixing meats with vegetables is a quick and easy way to enjoy a full meal on a budget.

Frozen fish offers many nutrients that offer incredible body benefits, such as increased memory and better heart health. Consider purchasing un-breaded fish for a lighter and healthier option.

Get going!
While it is easier than ever to sacrifice mealtime for work time, the need for a balanced diet is greater than ever. Take what little time is required to create a delicious meal and treat yourself to a break from studying, and your brain to the nutrients it needs to function at its best potential. In the next week, cut back on sugary beverages and alcohol and make the switch to flavored water or mix-with-water powders. If all else fails, grab a piece of fruit and a Ziploc bag of cereal to keep hunger under control. Meals don't have to be complicated or expensive. An open mind and hungry stomach are often the best forces behind creating a great meal.



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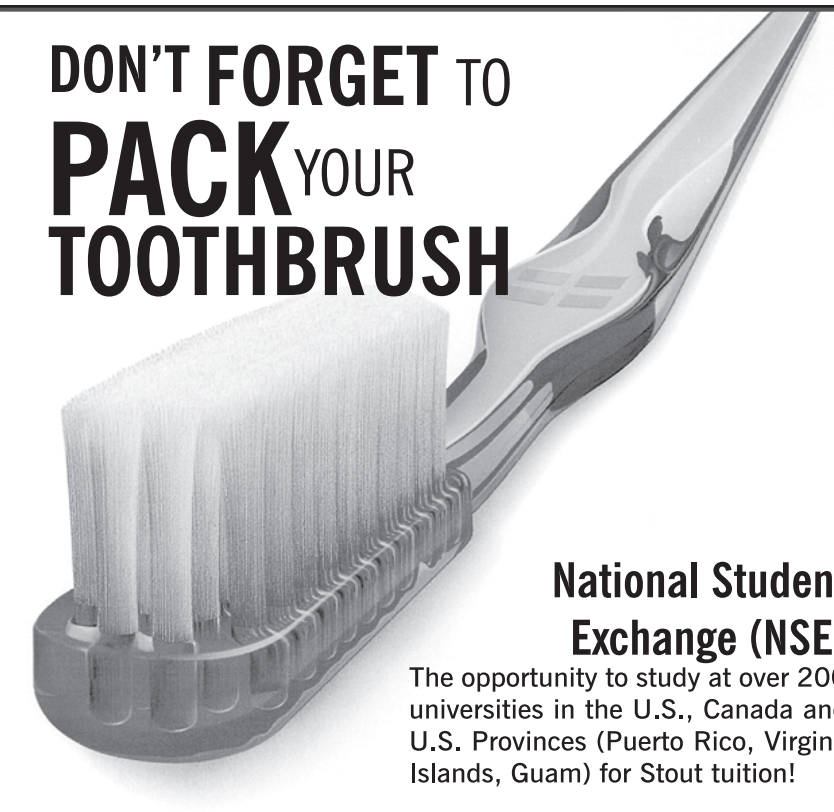
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St. Mary's poses no problems for UW-Stout hockey team

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Staff writer

The Blue Devil Men's Hockey team returned to action following a month off the ice. When any team takes as big of a break as the Blue Devils did, there is always the concern that the long rest will have some negative effects on the overall performance of the team. Consider the college football national championship and how many days are between that game and their last regular season game.

That long break can provide distractions because the routine for preparation isn't the same as it was during the regular season. With all these possible negative outcomes looming, the Blue Devils did the right thing and focused on nothing else but hockey and the results showed on the ice.

The last game of 2008 was on Dec. 6 and the result was a 4-3 victory over Lake Forest. The University of Wisconsin-Stout wouldn't play another game until Jan. 8. For its first game of 2009, the team started the year much like how it left the previous one.



Layne Pitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout senior goalie Matt Koenig had 17 saves against St. Mary's on Jan. 19.



Layne Pitt /Sports information director
The Blue Devils displayed an offensive arsenal as they defeated St. Mary's 6-1 on Jan. 19.

The Blue Devils traveled to St. Cloud, Minn. to take on the Johnnies of St. Johns while looking to extend their four-game win streak against a 3-11 Johnnies squad that hasn't lived up to expectations this year. From the first drop of the puck to the final buzzer, the Blue Devils dominated the entire game and walked away with an easy 5-3 victory. St. John's was actually shut out for the first two periods of the game until they found some offense in the third period. A pair of third-period Blue Devil goals kept the game in UW-Stout's pocket.

The victory pushed the Blue Devil winning streak to five games and gave the team something positive to build on for the rest of the season.

While the team got off to a good start for its first game following its break, it is impossible to completely rule out the rust that had accumulated on some of the players as it was outplayed in a 4-1 defeat to a Concordia-Moorhead team that came into the game with just one win all season.

Committing eight penalties didn't help its cause, as spending time in the penalty box became something of a regularity for the Blue Devils this year. The Blue Devils rank among the top teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in penalty minutes.

After getting the first loss of 2009 out of the way, the Blue Devils seized the reins and haven't looked back since as they built another winning streak that stands at three games. Two of those three victories came against St. Mary's University, and both contests were complete shellackings of the Cardinals hockey team. In the first game, the Blue Devils scored the most goals in a game since 1978 as they coasted to a 12-1 victory.

This supernova of offense was a good remedy to get the bad taste of last game's loss out of their mouths. Nine players scored goals and Scott Motz netted himself a hat trick to prevent another one-win team from getting the upset.

The other game against the Cardinals went about as well as the first one, although the goal output was cut in half. Still, a 6-1 victory is nothing to be disappointed about. The key to victory this time around was an efficient penalty kill that stifled the Cardinal shooters.

In between the two St. Mary's games was a slightly more challenging contest versus UW-River Falls. The game featured multiple ties and lead changes before the Blue Devils had the last laugh and ended River Falls' five-game win streak while extending their own.

The 3-2 win was an important conference victory that also showed the fans that the come-from-behind magic that was so prevalent earlier in the season is still in the teams bag of tricks.

With the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament about a month away, the hot start to the second half should help fuel a deep run into the tournament and possibly a championship. All the pieces are there for a title run, it's just a matter of assembling them in the right order.

Three conference match-ups that are close approaching should provide the Blue Devils with an opportunity to hone their skills against the cream of the WIAC crop. They travel to Superior on Jan. 24, they host the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Jan. 31, and they will travel to the defending champion St. Norbert's on Feb. 7.

UW-Stout has already faced all three teams this season, winning all but the UW-Superior game.

UW-Stout OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Meghan Hargens

This junior from Rosemount, Minn. is a business major. In her spare time, Hargens enjoys being with her friends, listening to music, sleeping and watching movies. In 2008, Hargens broke the school record for uneven bars with a score of 9.35 at the John Zuerlin Invite and took first place at the event. She was also named the WIAC gymnast of the week on Feb. 26, 2008. On Jan. 16, Hargens won the uneven bars and all-around at the Univeristy of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invitational. She was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's gymnastics all-around performer of the week. She scored a 9.125 on the uneven bars and a 37.125 all-around. She also finished second on the balance beam with a score of 9.325 and second on the floor exercise with a score of 9.3.

UW-Stout finished the invite in second place. The gymnastics team returns to action Jan. 26 when they host Winona State at 6 p.m.



Blue Devils men's basketball team in a recent slump

Still manage to win at the Puerto Rico Tournament



Andy McNeill / www.uwplatt.edu
UW-Stout junior Jerrel Enerson-Matthews tries to get to a loose ball against UW-Platteville on Jan. 3, 2009.

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

While most students were off-campus for the holidays, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men took their game abroad at the 2008 Island Time Basketball classic in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Blue Devils dropped three straight games leading up to the tournament but the road trip turned out to be a breath of fresh air for the team as it won its two games in the Caribbean.

Their first opponent was Goucher College, located in Towson, Md., who at the time had a record of 1-7.

The Blue Devils shot their way to a 41-26 halftime lead by hitting 44 percent of their field goals and 50 percent from three-point land.

Sophomore Eric Hostetter led the team in scoring with 13 points and connected on three of his five shots from behind the three-point line.

Senior forward John Donald had a very productive game, scoring 11 points and grabbing six rebounds. UW-Stout took an early lead and held on to win the game 70-59.

On the final day of the tournament, the Blue Devils were slated to play the College of the Ozarks based in Point Lookout, Miss. It took two different four-point comebacks in regulation and again in overtime to push the game into double overtime. UW-Stout outscored its opponent 11-5 in the second overtime, propelling it to victory. Junior guard and scoring leader for the Blue Devils Jerrel Enerson-Matthews led the team with 20 points and added eight rebounds to his stat line.

Sophomore forward Mahlon Thomas snatched a career-high 14 rebounds before eventually fouling out.

UW-Stout hoped to translate its success overseas back to the land of dairy, but waiting for it was the top ranked team in Division III, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

The 12-1 Pioneers assumed the top spot in the D3hoops.com poll at the time of the match-up between the teams.

It was a tight game going into halftime with the Blue Devils trailing by only four points, but the Pioneers exploded out of the locker room and opened up the half with a 15-4 run.

UW-Platteville guard Mike Shaw led all scorers with 27 points and led his team to a 71-57 victory.

After being defeated by UW-Platteville, the Blue Devils were set to play a non-conference game against Ripon College.

UW-Stout found its stroke from long range, hitting 10 of their 14 attempted three-pointers, six of which came from sophomore guard Eric Hostetter who was 100 percent from behind the three point line.

Rich Cloeter led the Red Hawks with 19 points while two others scored double-digit totals.

The Blue Devils trailed by two at halftime but regained the lead early in the second half. They didn't let up, recording their fifth victory of the season, 80-68.

Non-conference games have treated the Blue Devils well as they have recorded all five of their victories against opponents outside of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

UW-Stout had another chance to record their first conference win against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse three days after defeating Ripon College.

The stellar outside shooting carried over from their last game as the Blue Devils were over 50 percent from three-point range. Sophomore guard Jerrod Buchholtz contributed to that by making six out of seven three-pointers, and would finish the game with a team-high 22 points.

Junior Michael Fant had his most productive game as a Blue Devil by tallying seven points off of the bench. The UW- La Crosse Eagles jumped out to a 31-point lead during the second half and never looked back, winning the game 83-69.

Next for UW-Stout was fourth-ranked University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The Blue Devils stuck with the favored Pointers in the first half, behind nine points from Thomas and eight by Hostetter, leading them to a 30-28 lead at the break.

The second half belonged to Pointers junior guard Matt Moses who was scoreless in the first half but broke out for 32 in the second where he outscored the entire Blue Devil roster which could only accumulate 28 points. UW-Stout had three players in double figures, Hostetter led the team with 18 and Thomas recorded a double-double by scoring 11 points and grabbing 11 rebounds as well.

UW-Stevens Point won the game 78-58 and stayed undefeated in the WIAC, while the Blue Devils remained winless in conference play.

Things didn't get any easier for UW-Stout three days later when they faced the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The Warhawks entered this game ranked number seven in the D3hoops.com poll, with a record of 14-2 and only one loss in conference play.

UW-Whitewater went on a 17-0 run midway through the first half and took a 19-point lead into the locker room with them.

The lead proved to be too much for the Blue Devils as they were defeated by a margin of 28 points, 99-71.

The Warhawks had five different players score in double figures, Hostetter led the scoring for UW-Stout with 14, 12 of which came from long range. Buchhotlz contributed 12 while Enerson-Matthews tallied 11.

The Blue Devils will have yet another chance to get that first conference win on Wednesday, Jan. 21, against the University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets.

UW-Stout will have to find an answer to sophomore Jake Smith who is the team's scoring leader, and also to long-range threat sophomore guard Dan Culy. UW-Superior is 2-5 within the WIAC and 9-7 overall.



Andy McNeill / www.uwplatt.edu
UW-Stout sophomore forward Mahlon Thomas plays defense against UW-Platteville on Jan. 3, 2009. The Blue Devils lost the game 71-57.

The 2008 regular season brought record highs and record lows

Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

The 2008 National Football League season was again another one that brought record highs and lows throughout the league. From a team going 0-16 for the first time in history, to others where two rookie quarterbacks lead their teams to the playoffs, one of which led his team one game shy of the Superbowl.

A team that was predicted in the preseason to make the Superbowl crumbled, and another team that ended the season worst last year went on to win their division this year. Three of the four underdogs came through in the playoffs to advance to their divisional title game. Yes, I would say 2008 was an entertaining year depending, of course, on who you were rooting for. The 2009 National Championship game now comes down to an unlikely opponent in the Arizona Cardinals, and an AFC powerhouse, the Pittsburg Steelers.

Vikings:

With a consistent increase of two victories per season, Brad Childress and the 10-6 Minnesota Vikings advanced to the playoffs for the first time since their appearance in 2004. Although it was a brief run at the playoffs, the Vikings gained a taste of postseason play that they had been yearning for years. Adrian Peterson has silenced all critics about being an injury-prone player as he led the league with 1,760 rushing yards. Unfortunately, he also led the league with nine fumbles.

Bernard Berrian and Jared Allen both seemed to be positive acquisitions, as they both had huge effects on opposite sides of the ball. As the offseason approaches, little seems to need improvement, except one huge gaping hole at quarterback.

Tarvaris Jackson again showed Minnesotans that he is unreliable and frankly a liability on the field. Zygi Wilf has recently stated that the Vikings intend on going after a quarterback via free agency or the NFL draft this coming spring. If the Vikings can land a veteran like Matt Hasselbeck, their impending future could be quite promising.

Bears:

Ending the season in second place in the NFC north with a record of 9-7, the Bears are happy about their improvement from last year's 7-9 record but end the season wanting more. What a difference two years can make.

It's hard to believe that only two years ago this team started the season 8-0 and went to the Superbowl in Florida against Peyton Manning's Indianapolis Colts. They inevitably lost the game and have been in a Superbowl hangover ever since. The loss of Bernard Berrian was evident in their passing productivity.

Their ability to drive down the field became confined to a rookie running back that had a very productive season. Matt Forte ended the season in seventh place for rushing yards with 1,238 and had eight rushing touchdowns. Neither Kyle Orton or Rex Grossman are starters, the Bears are still in need of a solidified quarterback under center.

Packers:

The infamous daytime soap opera with Brett Favre finally came to a conclusion at the beginning of the season when the Packers traded Favre away to the New York Jets for a conditional draft pick in 2009, effectively cutting all ties with the future hall-of-fame quarterback.

Aaron Rodgers replaced Favre after playing as his backup for three years. Rodgers started the season well, beginning the schedule at 2-0. However, a mid-season shoulder injury limited Rodgers, and ultimately affected the Packers negatively throughout the remainder of the season, ending the season at 6-10 (third in the NFC north). Rodgers did provide evidence that he can handle the NFL level. At times Rodgers performed Favre-esque plays, making it hard for the viewer to determine who was who. The Packers enter the NFL draft in need of new defensive backs, as their existing ones are near retirement.

Lions:

An embarrassing record-setting season for the Detroit Lions has turned a one-time powerhouse in the NFC into the joke of the NFL. Ending the season at 0-16 (an NFL record), the Lions do have one thing to look forward to: things can only get better.
Calvin Johnson has shown everyone why he was selected second overall in 2007, ending the season fifth overall for receiving yards at 1,331, and tied for first for touchdown receptions at 12.

The Lions now await the NFL draft as they possess the first overall pick. Chances are they are going after a quarterback; after all, Jon Kitna isn't getting any younger. Georgia's junior quarterback Matt Stafford seems to be the most likely fit at this selection. However, history has shown that selecting a quarterback first overall puts that player in a less-than-ideal situation where early success is a rare occurrence.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Women's Basketball

Record: 8-8

On Jan. 17, the UW-Stout women's basketball team fell to the UW-Whitewater in the last minute of the game. UW-Whitewater's Kelsey Hendrickson hit a 3-point shot with 56 seconds left on the clock, allowing the Warhawks to defeat the Blue Devils 69-63. It was a back-and-forth game with 11 lead changes. Senior guard Charlee Edwards led the Blue Devils with 17 points and eight rebounds. UW-Stout's Julia Hirssig chimed in with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Next Game: (Home) Against UW-Platteville on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 13-5

The Blue Devils hockey team is on a bit of a hot streak, winning three of its last four games. On Jan. 19, the Blue Devils played against St. Mary's in a blowout match. UW-Stout's Matt Morin started the arsenal in the first period. A minute later Joel Gaulrapp contributed as he hit the first of four power play goals of the game. UW-Stout scored three goals in the second period. The game ended with a score of 6-1, UW-Stout. Matt Koenig finished with 17 saves. UW-Stout outshot St. Mary's 45-25.

Next game: (Away) Against St. Scholastica on Friday, Jan. 23 at 7:00 p.m.



Men's Basketball

Record: 5-11

The Blue Devils men's basketball team has been in a funk recently, losing three of its past four games. On Jan. 17 the Blue Devils played against the UW-Whitewater Warhawks. Trailing by one point, the UW-Whitewater Warhawks went on a 17-0 run midway through the first half. UW-Whitewater took a commanding 46-27 lead going into halftime. The Blue Devils were unable to comeback and lost the game 99-71. Eric Hostetter led UW-Stout with 14 points, Jerrod Buchholtz had 12 and Jerrel Enerson-Matthews finished with 11.

Next game: (Home) Against UW-Platteville on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 1 p.m.

Hockey team on a three-game winning streak, UW-Stout Gymnast Meghan Hargens named the WIAC all-arounder of the week

Community

Tuesday, Jan 27

- Interviewing Workshop
  10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, Jan 28

- How to Prepare for Career Fairs (Construction/ Hospitality)
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Thursday, Jan 29

- Résumé and Letter Writing Workshop
  2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Tuesday, Feb 3

- Interviewing Workshop
  2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, Feb 4

- Résumé and Letter Writing Workshop
  10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building
- Organizational Leadership – Finland Informational Meeting
  1 p.m.
  Northwoods Room, MSC

Entertainment

Thursday, Jan 22

- "Dr. King's Dream"
  Free/reserved seating
  7 p.m.
  Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Laarks with Daredevil Christopher Wright
  8 p.m.
  The Underground, MSC

Friday, Jan 23

- The Big Read Movie Night
  "Call of the Wild"
  Free/reserved seating
  7 p.m.
  Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist"
  7 p.m.
  Room 210, Applied Arts
- Will Bauermeister (music)
  7:30 p.m.
  Acoustic Café, Menomonie

Saturday, Jan 24

- Colleen Raye's "A Tribute to Patsy Cline"
  Cost: $18 adults, $16 seniors/students, $6 children
  2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Anna Johnson (music)
  7:30 p.m.
  Acoustic Café, Menomonie

Thursday, Jan 29

- Sing It Loud with special guest Linden
  Cost: $8 adults, $6 students
  7 p.m.
  Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- The New Audrey (music)
  7:30 p.m.
  Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Open Mic
  8 p.m.
  The Underground, MSC

Friday, Jan 30

- Amelia Piano Trio
  Cost: $24 adults, $21 seniors/students, $6 children
  8 p.m.
  Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, Jan 31

- Trampled by Turtles with special guest Charlie Parr
  Cost: $16.50 advance, $18 at door
  8 p.m.
  Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics

Friday, Jan 23

- Men's and Women's Track and Field
  6 p.m. – Alumni Meet
  Menomonie
- Hockey vs. St. Scholastica
  7 p.m.
  Duluth, Minn.

Saturday, Jan 24

- Men's and Women's Track and Field
  Noon – UW-Stout Open
  Menomonie
- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-Platteville
  1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
  Menomonie
- Hockey vs. UW-Superior
  7 p.m.
  Superior, Wis.

Monday, Jan 26

- Gymnastics vs. Winona State
  6 p.m.
  Menomonie

Tuesday, Jan 27

- Men's Basketball vs. Silver Lake College
  7 p.m.
  Manitowoc, Wis

Friday, Jan 30

- Gymnastics – John Zuerlein Invitational
  6 p.m.
  Menomonie
- Hockey vs. UW-Eau Claire
  7 p.m.
  Eau Claire, Wisc.

Saturday, Jan 31

- Men's and Women's Track and Field
  Noon – Warren Bowlus Open
  Menomonie
- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh
  1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
  Oshkosh, Wisc.
- Hockey vs. UW-Stevens Point
  7:30 p.m.
  Menomonie

Wednesday, Feb 4

- Men's Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point
  7 p.m.
  Menomonie
- Women's Basketball vs. UW-Steven's Point
  7 p.m.
  Stevens Point, Wisc.



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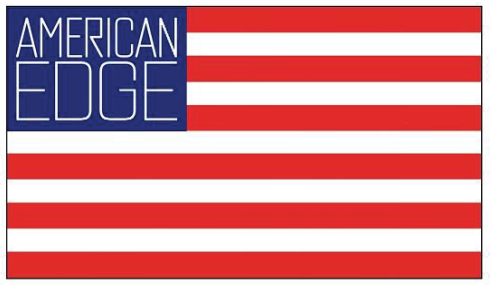
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1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	$180	$180	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	$255	$255	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	702 4th Street	$295	$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	EA
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$370	$370	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$300	$150	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D
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2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	1502 10th Street	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$545	$273	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	915 Main Street	$540	$180	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	$685	$171	$860	$215	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$700	$175	$880	$220	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	$750	$188	$930	$233	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
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4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1	2235 South Broadway	$920	$230	$1,120	$280	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
4	2	400 18th Avenue	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	512 19th Avenue W	$750	$150	$950	$190	Large split-level, 2 living rooms, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$800	$160	$1,025	$205	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	$950	$190	$1,175	$235	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	$1,000	$200	$1,250	$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
6	2	504 10th Street	$800	$133	$1,080	$180	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,280	$213	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,250	$208	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,100	$183	$1,400	$233	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	$1,200	$200	$1,500	$250	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$980	$140	$1240	$177	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H

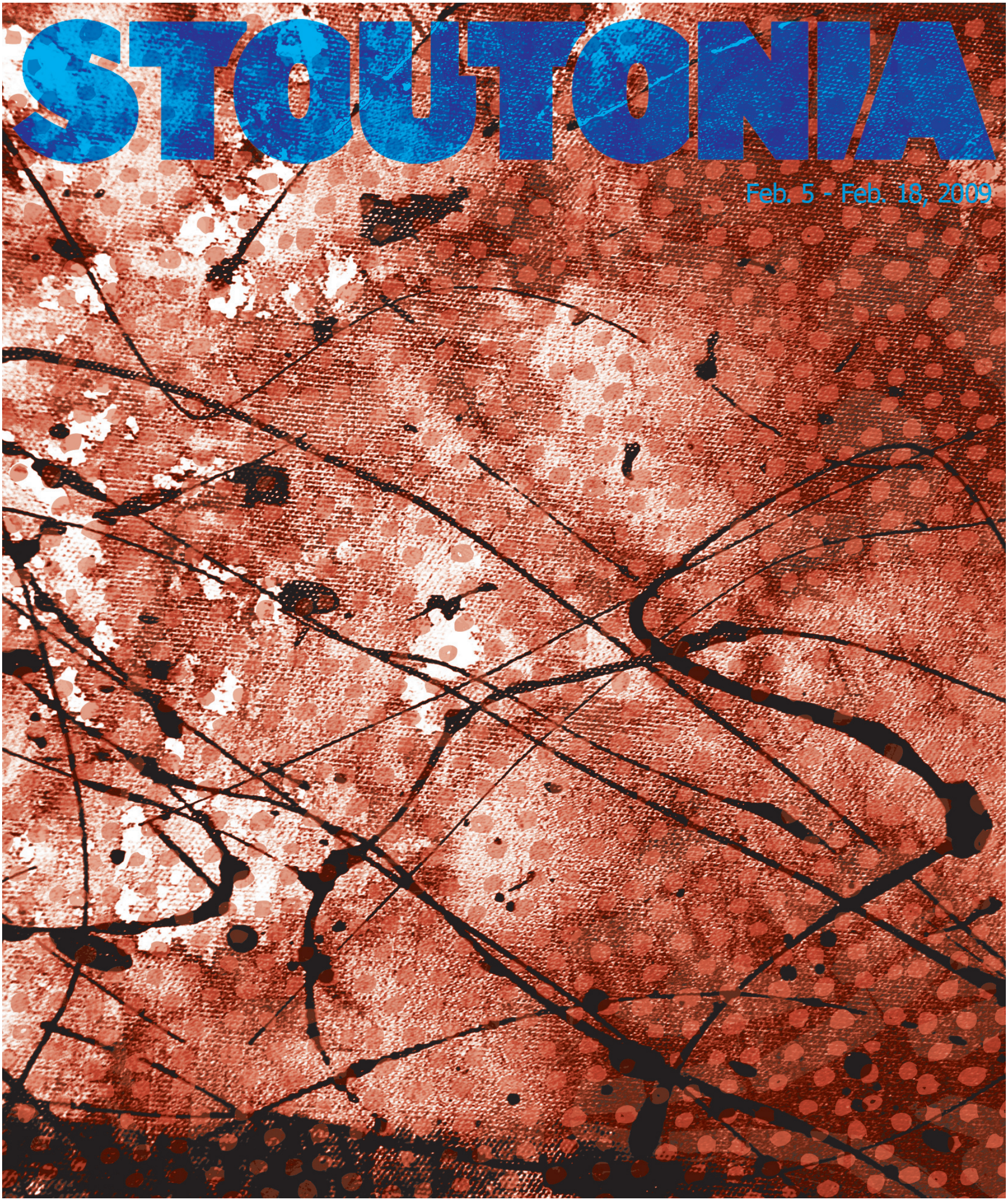
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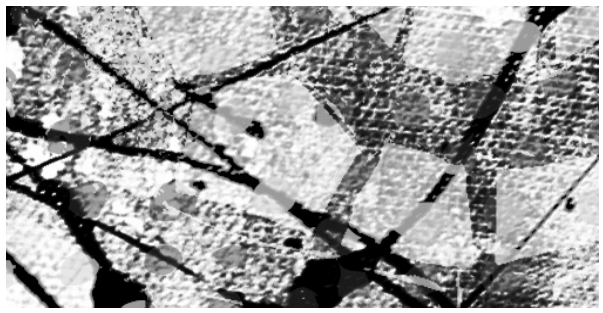
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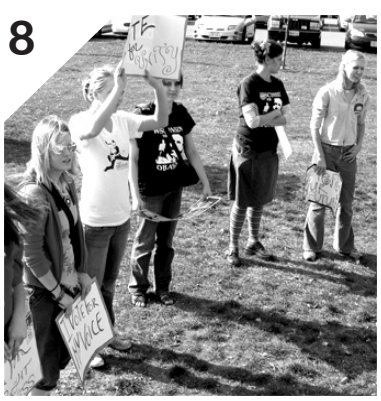
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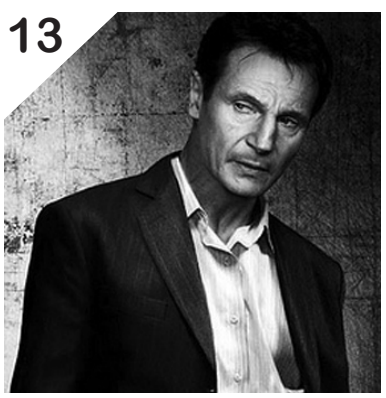
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Lasting benefits of international study

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

There is little that most students know about the study abroad programs offered through University of Wisconsin-Stout. Everyone knows that a trip to Australia or Italy must cost a small fortune, and as college students, no one thinks they have the money for that. Believe it or not, there are programs dedicated to the exploration of students and easy ways to lower the cost of a once-in-a-lifetime experience. In one of the worst economic conditions that our nation has ever seen, the following are things every student should consider before looking at the initial cost of studying abroad.

At first glance, a trip to a foreign country can really scare already-homesick students. Being afraid of language barriers is also a common fear for English speaking students, but stepping outside the box is easiest now as opposed to 20 years from now. A program such as studying abroad leads not only to amazing memories, but also dramatic language gains. According to studyabroadresearch.org, students that have pre-departure language learning can become a better foreign language reader as well as speaker. Students abroad also gain more in terms of vocabulary than regular academic-year classroom students. Students who studied abroad also said that they picked up on many of the social norms.

Kristina Schmitt, a senior with an international business major, Spanish minor and concentration in supply chain management, said, "The amount of time I learned to speak Spanish would have taken me three times longer to learn here." According to Kristina, she walked away with more knowledge of Spanish culture and moral values than she could have learned in a classroom.

> "It is truly a life changing experience"
>
> —*Tonico Marin, UW-Stout Graduate*

Tonico Marin, a UW-Stout graduate with a business major and specialization in international business and banking of economics and finance said, "it was interesting to see how other countries view our country's practice in business. You will never in your lifetime be able to travel for a small amount of time at that cost. It is truly a life-changing experience."

Peter Galante, UW-Stout professor and head of the Italy Study Abroad program this summer stressed the importance of getting out there and opening not only your mind to another country but also your taste buds. "Italian food is not The Olive Garden, it's real Italian food. Sure, Rome has the largest McDonald's in the world, but we aren't there to eat McDonald's. You have to go outside your box."

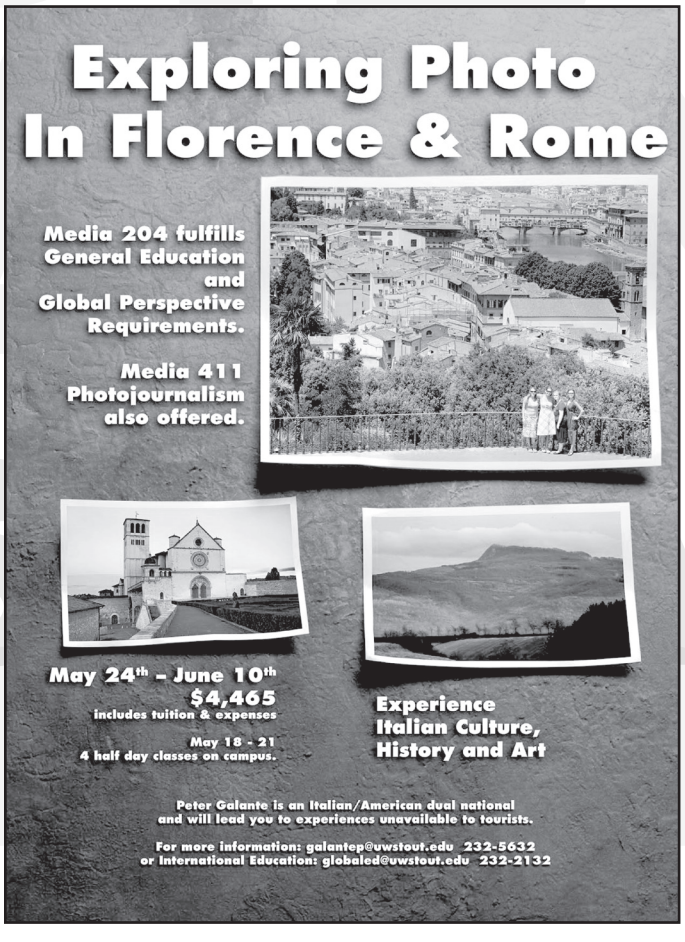
When I talked to Peter Galante about this summer's trip abroad to Italy, he showed much enthusiasm when speaking about the benefits of studying in a non-English speaking country. The initial trip may make you feel like you are going out of your comfort zone, but this is a great opportunity to experience something that is not "Americanized." Going to a location such as Australia can be a life changing experience, but their culture does not stray far from American ways. Still speaking English, you are not expanding your boundaries to different languages and cultures. Part of Peter's itinerary includes a tour of Rome, photography opportunities at locations such as the Coliseum and three authentic Italian cuisine meals which are included in the initial cost of the trip.

When looking at the cost of a short term trip through the study abroad programs offered here at UW-Stout, students must recognize that taking that same trip with no educational connection could be much more expensive in the future. Adding up the cost of airfare, hotel and private expenses, going with a group of people that share your same fears can actually make an international trip more comfortable.

Although many of the loan programs that once supported international studies have subsided due to our nation's economy, there are more opportunities for Wisconsin residents. Not only does the Wisconsin government grant up to $2,000 a semester for full-time students, but anyone taking a summer-long trip can receive up to $1,000 for a six credit short-term program. For more information regarding Wisconsin funding, contact the Financial Aid Office or the Office of International Education, both located in Bowman Hall.

To find more information on scholarships, every students can look at studyabroadfunding.org. If you select your location, it shows hundreds of ways to save money through scholarships. It's impossible to put a price tag on that kind of experience.

Applications and paper work for study abroad programs next fall are due to UW-Stout by Feb. 13.





Yes we are | The University of Wisconsin-Stout is the most energy-efficient campus in the UW System

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

In a report released by Wisconsin's Department of Administration, the University of Wisconsin-Stout has once again been found to be the most energy-efficient campus in the UW System.

The report "Energy Use in State-Owned Facilities" based its findings on the energy consumption of all UW campuses. Energy consumption is monitored through the campuses' utility bills and fuel consumption.

UW-Stout has led the UW System in energy efficiency for over 10 years. Last year, the report found UW-Stout to be 30 percent more efficient than the UW System's average.

According to UW-Stout's media release and Physical Plant Director Ted Henzel, energy efficiency comes from the precise maintenance and cleaning of the school's physical plant by UW-Stout's maintenance workers.

UW-River Falls was named the runner-up for energy efficiency.

Birds on the brain

The Great Backyard Bird Count brings fun to the outdoors in dreary February

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

By the middle of February no one wants to go outside. The gray sludge and fluctuating temperatures are dreary, and it may take a lot of coaxing to get people out of their warm and cozy beds. As incentive for leaving your house and as a reminder of what the promise of spring holds, the Great Backyard Bird Count is being held from Feb. 13 – 16.

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Participants of the GBBC count the birds in their backyards and report the data to the Web site www.birdcount.org. This data is then used by scientists and conservationists to track bird population trends. Many researchers are currently using this data to determine the effects of global warming and urbanization on bird populations.

Participating in the GBBC is easy and does not require any previous bird knowledge. The sponsor of the event, the West Wisconsin Land Trust, is holding an open house on Feb. 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Menomonie Public Library.

At the open house you will receive a checklist of birds to look for. You will also have the opportunity to learn to identify birds, and make a bird feeder for your own backyard. For people who would like to participate outside of their home, there will be a sign-up for a group bird count.

Nationally, thousands of people each year participate in the GBBC and in 2008 more than 85,000 checklists were submitted.

For more information, contact the West Wisconsin Land Trust at 715-235-8850 or visit www.wwit.org.

Crazy for recycling | RecycleMania is back and bigger than ever

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RecycleMania kicked off for the third year in a row on Jan. 30 in The Underground of the Memorial Student Center.

RecycleMania, run by the National Recycling Coalition, pits universities across the country against each other to compete for titles such as Grand Champion and the Gorilla Prize.

The kick-off, hosted by Krista James' Biology-111 students, Blue Devil Productions and other organizations brought in over 50 students for open-mic performances and a drawing. More importantly, the kick-off got students motivated for another year of competitive recycling.

Last year the University of Wisconsin-Stout was in the top 50 percentile for the Grand Champion, Gorilla Prize, Paper and Bottles/Cans categories.

Hope Larsen, one of the student organizers of the event, was excited for the turnout of over 50 students at the kick-off and she encourages students to attend the upcoming RecycleMania events. Sporting events and dorm competitions are just a few of these upcoming events where students can dropoff their recyclables to help UW-Stout win the national Grand Champion title. Look for upcoming events in the daily campus e-mail.

Megan Palmer, president of BDP, was also excited for the kick-off turnout and is looking forward to possibly doing more RecycleMania events. This is the third year BDP has participated in Recyclemania as part of a co-op with other organizations.

For more information on RecycleMania, contact Jake Pulfer at pulferj@uwstout.edu, Steve Zweber at zwebers@uwstout.edu and Hope Larsen at larsenh@uwstout.edu, or visit www.recyclemania.com.





Tasha Sookochoff/Stoutonia

Left: The crowd watches the open-mic performances at the RecycleMania Kick-Off on Jan. 30 in the Underground of the MSC. Right: Students serenade the crowd at the RecycleMania Kick-Off.

Moments in Menomonie

The Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater



Construction on the Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater started in 1890.

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

Walking down Main Street on the way back to their dorms on north campus, many students will notice the magnificent, ornate building that looks as if it has been here forever. The stonework carving and elegant stairs leading up the building only begin to hint at the beauty that lies inside. While students may or may not notice this architectural treasure, it is a very important part of the city's history, and its existence plays tribute to a young girl who was around the same age as many of us at the time of her death.

Mabel Tainter passed away in 1886 at the young age of 19. Her parents, Captain Andrew Tainter and Bertha Tainter, commissioned the building because Mabel was such a fan of the arts. Andrew was a lumber baron for Knapp, Stout & Co. and owned his own steam ship.

The building itself was dedicated in 1890 and was built with sandstone from around the area. Scottish stonemasons worked on the building non-stop for about a year before completing the project. Captain Andrew Tainter invested greatly in the building of the memorial and chose the Minneapolis-based architectural firm of Leroy S. Buffington, and widely-known Harvey Ellis was the main architect for the job.

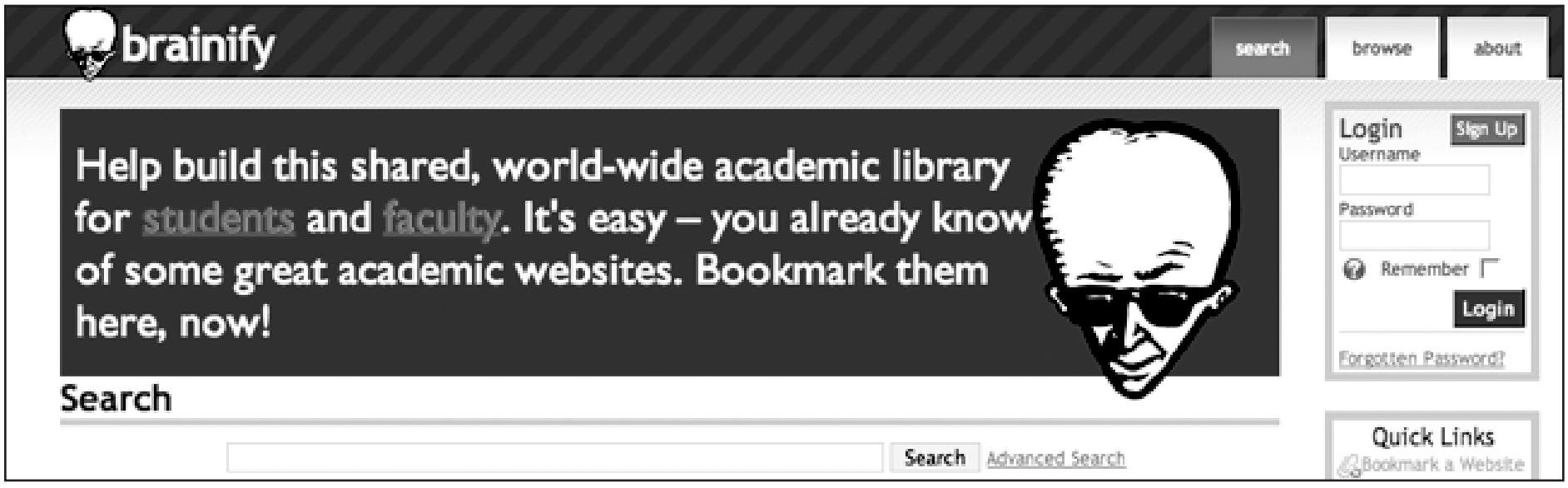
Fresco-style painting, Turkish rugs, Mexican onyx, silk and Mecca draperies are only a few of the wonders that reside in the beautiful memorial. Every room is very well thought out and truly decorated from ceiling to floor. If you walk into what is now the theater audience seating, you will find velvet-covered seats, elaborate molding and beautiful curtains and paintings.

So if you're walking back to your dorm, or just taking a stroll along Main Street one day, stop into the Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater and take a look around. For more information on tours or show times for the Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater, call 715-235-9726 or visit www.mabeltainter.com.



Contributed photos

Fried brain? | Students find new outlet for academic frustration



Graphic from brainify.com

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

I am guilty of stalking. I spend hours on Facebook examining ex-boyfriends' pictures, judging their current girlfriends and looking up relationship and pregnancy statuses of former high-school classmates. When I finally shut my laptop lid and drag myself to class, my carpel tunnel has flared up and hours of my life have flown by.

Luckily for me and my academic career, a site exists where students can get help on assignments, perform research, study for tests and communicate with other students and professors, all while still engaging in the obsessive networking qualities of Facebook.

Brainify, the creation of Murray Goldberg, is like the Web sites YouTube and Flickr, as it helps a user look for specific content while making connections with people all over the world. The more people who join the site and contribute academic information and resources, the more helpful the site becomes. Goldberg hopes Brainify becomes "a vibrant academic site where university and college students can find exactly what they are looking for."

In pursuit of anything to make my academic career my vibrant, I typed in www.brainify.com and came to a site that looked very similar to the search engine Google. Across the top of the page was a keyword search bar that you can tweak to fit your academic search criteria. There were also links to new users' profile pages. I navigated to a box on the right of the page to sign up as a new user. A disclaimer warned me I needed a university issued e-mail address to register and I immediately began to warm to the site. Yes! Like the old Facebook before the hostile teeny-bopper takeover, I had found a place free of the 15-year-olds and 40-year-olds taking up space on my newsfeed.

I typed in my name and e-mail and created a user name and password. I then received a notification that Brainify needed to confirm that my e-mail address was issued by a real university, and that I would receive a welcome e-mail in 24 hours or less. The wait for my e-mail verification was a bit of a pain because I couldn't really explore the site without it, so I prepared to spend the next 24 hours going about my day as usual, procrastinating, as I waited patiently in the hopes that the site would indeed help me become a more successful student.

Approximately two hours later, I received an e-mail confirming that the University of Wisconsin-Stout was indeed a real college and prompting me to click a link to verify my e-mail address. The link then took me to the Brainify "About" page. This page explained that the Web site is dedicated to academic social networking for students and professors and that it was a tool to help you learn. It also contained a video with a personal message from Goldberg.

One of the more interesting things I found on the "About" page was under the heading "Help Brainify Grow and It Might Help You." Though the Web site is based on user profiles, your success as a user grows if your actions on the Web site are deemed "valuable" by other Brainify members, therefore adding points to your "reputation." According to the Web site, if Brainify were to ever be bought out by a larger company, Brainify "will distribute 30 percent of the sale price among Brainify members according to their reputation." Two of the best ways to better your reputation on the site are by bookmarking Web sites and by recommending Brainify to your friends.

So what does this mean for you? If Brainify were to sell for 15 million dollars, 4.5 million dollars of the sale would be divided among Brainify's most reputable users. However, the site does not say how the money will be divided. Regardless, the idea of someday having a little money in my pocket for spending time on a Web site was enough to prompt me to fill out my profile page.

The profile page was not as elaborate as Facebook's. I uploaded a picture and chose academic interest groups to post information to in the future. However, my major, technical communication, was not listed and I had to create to a group for my degree. When I was through successfully completing my profile, I had earned 121 reputation points and was ranked 59 out of 265 users.

I have to admit, 10 minutes into Brainify and I was already missing the friendly, unknown faces of the "people I might know" feature on my newsfeed and the advertisements for acai berries and Proactive skin care. Nevertheless, I pushed on and began to navigate through some of Brainify's features.

The key features I found on Brainify included the ability to bookmark academic websites posted by other users and the ability to post my own pages for others. I also liked a feature called "Ask a Question" where I could post a question about an academic topic and someone would respond with a thought or a potential answer.

While navigating, I found two different resources for helping me cite papers. I also became friends with a student at the University of British Columbia, where I want to get my master's degree, and I started a group for UW-Stout.

Unfortunately, there are a few things on Brainify that I found to be a disappointment. Like any new Web site, Brainify was difficult to navigate at first. Also, while there is a search bar, it was hard to look up people I might have had something in common with. Finally, the atmosphere on Brainify was a little dead. It was difficult to navigate the updates of users and groups and find conversations to contribute to, but the site definitely has possibilities for growth. The more members who join the site, the easier Brainify will become to use as a valuable resource to conquer that 400-level accounting or chemistry course. As the popularity of the site grows, so does its ability to help you gain knowledge and maybe someday gain a few bucks in your pocket.

University Housing staff members planned this event to educatee the campus on discrimination issues that can still be found.

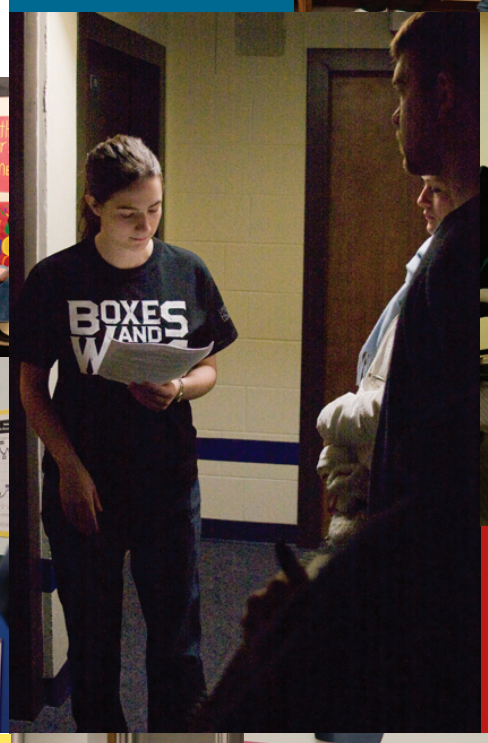
Topics included gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, age, socioeconomic status and more.



Each room was an interactive museum built by students and staff for students to feel as if they were in the oppressed peoples' situation.



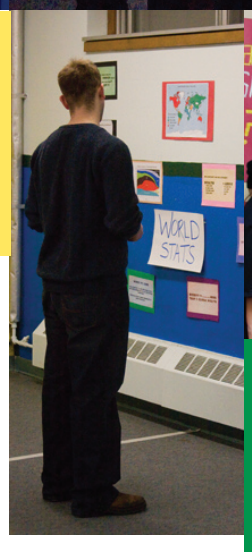






BOXES and WALLS

Boxes and Walls was held in the CKTO basement on Feb. 2-4. Each of the interactive rooms had a different theme and lasted approximately 45 minutes.





Toby Zingrone/Stoutonia

"Raising awareness is the first step to creating change."

- Boxes and Walls news release

UWS A HISTORIC MOMENT



Stout students rally for Obama on UW-Stout campus on Nov. 4. Ali Riehle/Stoutonia

A look back at President Obama's Inauguration

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

While millions of people across the world dreamt of attending the 2009 Presidential Inauguration last month, only a few thousand were lucky enough to have the opportunity. With all of the ceremonies, traditions, celebrations and balls, there was certainly a lot going on in Washington, D.C. and across the rest of the country as well.

On the day of the inauguration, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th president. Those citizens that lived in the area and were able to travel to D.C. participated through numerous activities if they were able to make it through the crowds of others around them.

Many artists played music, people spoke and Joe Biden was sworn in as the new vice president of the United States of America. A poem was also read, followed by the benediction.

After the ceremony was over, The Inaugural parade took place and the streets were lined up with onlookers for miles.

Later that night, Barack and Michelle Obama, as well as Joe and Jill Biden, prepared to attend 10 different balls hosted in their honor:

1. **Neighborhood Inaugural Ball**
2. Obama Home States Inaugural Ball
3. **Youth Inaugural Ball**
4. Midwest Inaugural Ball
5. **Mid-Atlantic Inaugural Ball**
6. Western Inaugural Ball
7. **Commander-in-Chief Ball**
8. Southern Inaugural Ball
9. **Eastern Inaugural Ball**
10. Biden Home States Inaugural Ball

Stout community member shares experience of watching 2009 inauguration first hand

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer



In the Midwest, millions of Americans watched as Barack Obama took the oath of office, danced with his wife at the balls and prepared for the hard work that is ahead of him. For one member of the UW-Stout faculty, however, the view of Obama was a lot closer than many others.

Paul Schwartz, Assistive Technology Manager of the University of Wisconsin-Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute, booked a flight on Nov. 7 after Barack Obama was appointed the President-elect. He was able to make it to Washington, D.C. and stay with a friend that lived only two miles away from the capital, which saved him a lot of transportation trouble on inauguration day.

Schwartz was able to obtain inauguration ceremony tickets from U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis., who rallied with UW-Stout students for Obama on campus last fall. Congressional offices across the country were allotted 200 tickets each and were able to give them to some people who requested them, who then were able to attend the ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20.



[8 a.m.]
Security gates were opened. Ticket holders were advised to arrive early to avoid last-minute confusion.

[10 a.m.]
The inaugural ceremony officially began. It was held on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol.

[12 p.m.]
Obama took the Oath of Office and proceeded to give his inaugural address.

Sexual assault reporting on the rise

Alyssa Anttila
Staff Writer

The Menomonie Police Department recently acknowledged a rise in reported sexual assaults in the Menomonie area.

"Sexual assaults are not happening any more or less," Campus Violence Prevent Project (CVPP) coordinator Jessica Bryan stressed. "They are just being reported more, which is a good thing."

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault defines sexual assault as "acts of violence where sex is used as the weapon. Victims/survivors of sexual assaults are forced, coerced and/or manipulated to participate in unwanted sexual activity."

"Many times people are afraid of reporting because they are afraid of not being believed, don't want to retell their story, are unsure of the criminal process or are hesitant if alcohol was involved," said Bryan.

According to the CVPP Web site (www.uwstout.edu/cvpp), only five percent of undergraduate women report they were sexually assaulted.

Bryan believes more students and individuals are reporting their assaults because they know where to go for help and feel comfortable talking with someone. CVPP staff, including Bryan, present to all incoming freshmen about sexual assault and where to go when and if it happens to them or a friend.

"If an assault happens, a student can contact CVPP, the Dean of Students, law enforcement, housing services or anyone on campus they feel safe talking to," said Bryan. "The student will then learn about their options and choose what to do next."

Bryan stressed victims are not forced to talk or do anything they are told and they are free to make any decision they want, including the decision to report what happened.

"We are an advocate for them throughout the process of dealing with the situation," said CVPP project director Amber Gerber. "We try to be with them each step of the way."

Sexual assaults and rapes are often targeted at women, but anyone, male or female, is at risk and the perpetrator may be an acquaintance.

"Acquaintance rape adds complexity because the victim doesn't want to see them get in trouble, as weird as that sounds," Bryan said. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 47 percent of rapes are committed by acquaintances.

Gerber also offered some advice to students that can help keep them safe. "Make a safety plan with your friends, come home together and know the location you are going," said Gerber. "Also, monitor alcohol consumption."

Bryan added, "If you know someone that has been a victim of sexual assault or rape, listen to what they have to say and assist them in finding help if they want it."

How to stay safe when going out:

>>>**Don't walk alone** at night.
>**Talk** with your friends before going out to make sure everyone is coming home **together**.
>>Agree that **no one will leave** the party without one another.
>>>>**Always** have your cell phone on.
>If you are going to be drinking, have one sober friend that is going to **watch out** for the rest of the group.
>>**Do not** leave your drink unattended.

What to do if sexually assaulted:

- Get to a safe place
- Call 911 or (232-1283) for Menomonie Police or (232-2222) for Campus Police
- Call Campus Violence Prevention project (232-2468) or the Bridge to Hope (235-9074) or Myrtle Werth Hospital (235-5531)
- Don't take a shower or comb your hair, you may destroy evidence
- Preserve the clothes worn at the time of attack
- If possible, do not go to the bathroom until after the examination
- Get a medical exam (preferably from a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.), even if you don't think you want to press charges
- Inquire about tests for possible pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

All Information Courtesy of Campus Violence Prevention Project: **www.uwstout.edu/cvpp**



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Smoking or Non?

Jan. 1

During the security rounds at Callahan, an RA noticed a strong smell of tobacco coming from one of the rooms. The resident admitted to having smoked a cigarette. Fortunately, they did not set off the smoke detector. I am sure everyone, while standing in the snow bank during the fire alarm, would have been very sympathetic to the fact that they did not want to smoke in the freezing cold.

Self inflicted hit and run.

Jan. 11

Emergency vehicles were called to attend to a man that appeared to have been hit by a car. After being checked out by personnel it was discovered that his only injury was a cut nose. The real cause of his condition was due to severe intoxication. Lucky for him, we have brave men and women out there who are ready to pick him up off his sorry keister every time he participates in a happy hour.

This will teach you!

Jan. 21

A resident of North Hall heard someone scratching at his door. When he opened it he saw a former acquaintance walking away and there were scratches in the wood. Apparently their friendship had ended on a bad note. What a clever and mature way to get revenge! "This will teach him when he has to pay the $15 repair fee. Bwahaha!"



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"The weather." That's a safe topic, isn't it? Is it?

Jean-Marie Dauplaise
Associate Professor

The late grand-mistress of etiquette, Emily Post, is perhaps the most prominent American of the 20th century to suggest that polite conversations emerge in large part as the result of conversant sticking to "safe topics." As examples, she most frequently cited a perhaps familiar line-up: the weather; sports; the latest great song by a popular music group, the recent play at school.

I suspect that the 21st century campus in general – and shall we say the University of Wisconsin-Stout in particular - might constitute something of a conversational quagmire in this respect. For one, apparently auditions for the new UW-Stout Theater selection, "Urinetown – the Musical," are over and pre-production is underway. I confess that I know absolutely less than nothing at all about this particular musical. I am guessing the work was titled, at least in part, in hopes of provoking interest. It appears to be working; I have overheard, in the hallowed halls of Harvey, some speculations about the work that I doubt Mrs. Post would have let fly tableside. She would, of course, have been too polite to say so outright, perhaps, but I digress.

Long before Eminem or Public Enemy appeared on the scene, and definitely before I was even born, from coast to coast, Leonard Cohen's lyrics raised more than just a few eyebrows. Based on all known evidence, it is beyond unlikely that Ms. Post ever heard of Leonard Cohen, let alone ever despised or relished a single note of a Leonard Cohen original. (Post died in 1960 at age 88; Cohen moved to the U.S. in 1967, which is the same year his first quite esoteric album was released.) Leonard Bernstein's work, on the other hand, I would wager, would have made Post's grade.

I'm going to get bold here and just skip sports altogether, not because there's nothing contentious to tend to in the realm of physical games, professional and otherwise; the Olympics alone could keep us busy for a week – the Packers could keep us busy for months – and the Packer-Viking rivalry, well, I'm not going there.

Let's just get back to the weather shall we? Yes. Much like the evening news forces us to do, not unintentionally, I suspect, the weather keeps everyone waiting. Right now – mostly we're waiting for it to warm up. I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one tired of his or her rotating wardrobe of thermal underwear, bundling up like some strange offspring sprung from the nether-loins of the Michelin "Man" mascot and his softer, more androgynous Stay Puft Marshmallow pal, who did loom, however unthreateningly, over the city of New York in one of my all time favorite films, "Ghostbusters." I wore four layers today, including the requisite Columbia Sportswear outer-layer, an enormous woolen scarf my mother gave me in 1982 and a headband. Sadly, I couldn't find my Cabela's bomber hat this morning, and sadly, my mother lives two and a half hours north of here and is no longer able to tie my scarf in double knots behind my head. I just never can seem to get myself bundled up quite so warmly as my mother did my brother and I back in the days when she still practiced live arctic mummification.



Marc Anderson/ Stoutonia

What she didn't know was that my brother and I, once safely out of her maternal sight, would undo one another's bonds so we could get on the bus without looking totally uncool. Granted, the result was actually sometimes worse than cool. (Frozen braids thawing out on the bus, I now realize, could not have been too fetching, but I digress). For a solid mostly-frozen decade, in the upper reaches of Wisconsin at the tip of Lake Superior where I swam in the summertime, it was of paramount importance not to look too much like a geek. In retrospect, my nine-year record of over-achievement in 4-H, along with the late-blooming, tinsel-bedizened teeth and local public library read-a-thon awards definitely tipped the scales against me.

By the time I got to college, here at UW-Stout, the nerve-endings that apparently hadn't matured adequately enough for me to sense the sub-freaky cold temperatures of our favorite Lake Superior swimming hole (the largest in North America), finally matured, and suddenly hats and scarves seemed like a pretty grand idea. So good, in fact, that the scarf Mom gave me in 1982, despite my having lived in Atlanta, Ga. for 12 years, was packed away and saved for Christmas homecomings – and eventually, much to my surprise, my Welcome Back Kotter – the Collegiate Tour return to UW-Stout. That scarf was the only item I didn't have to purchase when I moved back up here to "Yankee land." (Thanks, Mom).

And now I'm an English professor. Now I am cool and I don't have to untie my scarf. Or maybe it's because I don't care anymore if nobody knows who I am as I waddle about town in my layers of insulation. Hey, I'm alive under all that layering, and technology has definitely made the process a lot easier. (Although Velcro still can't beat Joan Dauplaise for really getting the outerwear properly snug, I'll admit.)

Having said all this, what I want to know is – yeah, though it be twenty below, what is it with these people in their shorts, their flip-flops (or high heels), nearly shoeless, definitely coatless, hatless, glove and mitten-less, teetering through the snow banks on their way to class – or to those coffee places downtown, perhaps? I've actually grown so alarmed by this seemingly growing fad that I actually sent D2L e-mails to students before our first spring term classes met asking them to please dress appropriately for the weather, lest I become addled and distracted, staring as their ice-blue toes thawed audibly during class – or worse.

I've never had a strong stomach and I'm not much up to performing emergency amputations; although I "saw" one on T.V. once, I actually had my face averted and my eyes shut.

So, here's my question: what in the world is this all about? I don't remember students during the '80s deliberately walking to class half-dressed in January. There were occasional incidents of lamentable drunken stupidity, yes. But these rare incidents have become the stuff of legend. Last week I was reminiscing with an old friend from my North Hall days and we both remembered precisely the day in 1986 (we're pretty sure) that classes were cancelled, and old Bob L., ran outside in his boxer shorts and across the street to buy a gallon of milk at Tom Thumb both because he was horribly drunk and also because Jim D. dared him to do it. Looking back on it over two decades later – one of us (not me) a parent – the profound collective and individual idiocy that culminated in the moment is indisputable, yes. In addition to that, the uniqueness of the very idea of going outside unshod and barely clad bordered on the unimaginable. This was no polar-bearing expedition recorded for posterity, done with, in most cases, a modicum of common sense and usually involving news crews and lots of free publicity (sometimes for a good cause). No. I'm talking about casually strolling around campus wearing next to nothing.

The consequences? Potentially legion. But that's another story, for another day. If you have any good ones, please share. I already have a dandy from the Zamboni-driving English professor of Harvey Hall, so see if you can beat her's. Send your great "Underdressed in the Frozen Midwest" stories to us here at: stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

letters to the editor

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Changing majors = major changes

Craig Zimanske
UW-Stout student contributor

Many freshmen college students pull up to campus on move-in day with minds eager to delve into their decided majors. The sheer bliss of starting a new chapter in life distracts students from the old warning that they'll probably change their major over the course of their time at college – and possibly more than once. Over winter break, I had a lot of free time (too much perhaps) to evaluate my goals and aspirations in life and I got to thinking: am I on the right track to get where I want to go? Ah, yes, the mid-undergraduate crisis had struck. Though the outcome of this dilemma will certainly be the most drastic for me, this isn't the first time I've done some rearranging.

For the longest time, I've been fascinated with houses, especially the extravagant multi-million dollar mansions sprouting up around the Twin Cities. I would sit at the dining room table for hours on end, carefully plotting out the design of my next big dream home. This interest led me to consider a degree in architecture, which, after visiting Iowa State University, turns out is not at all what I thought it was. So I hemmed and hawed a bit more. I exchanged e-mails with a gentleman who owns a design-build company based out of Minneapolis and he suggested finding a school that offers construction management. It ended up being my kindergarten teacher who convinced me to go to the University of Wisconsin-Stout (though not when I was actually in kindergarten, just to clarify). Her son majored in construction management here (some professors may remember a certain troublemaker by the name of Nick Deutsch) and really enjoyed his experience. I had already changed my major once and school hadn't even started yet.

The construction program worked out well for me for the first year. The courses were interesting and applicable to my career intentions – to work for and eventually own a residential construction business. As I looked over the program plan sheet, however, I felt like many of the required classes would not be of interest or necessity to me; they were just geared too much toward heavy industrial construction. This, naturally, spurred major change number two, to business administration with an emphasis in construction.

I was appeased for awhile – a semester to be exact. And then being holed up in Nowhere, Minnesota for a whole month allowed me to examine my ambitions. Something kept nagging at me, pulling my heart in another direction. I suppose I'd be more accurate to say that someone kept nagging at me, namely my high school English teachers, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. DeValk. I told them many years ago how teaching high school English was always a secret desire of mine and once they knew this, they never relented their campaign to convince me. For the sake of keeping you awake, I'll abbreviate: they convinced me. And here is what won me over: they asked me, "In 10 years, which career will you regret having not done?" I pondered it for hours and after a conversation with UW-Stout's very own Dr. Lopa Basu, I came to realize that the reason I wrote off becoming an English teacher years ago was solely financial. I realized that I didn't really want to be the guy overseeing the building of a mega-mansion, I just wanted to be the multi-millionaire living in it! When I finally started to consider my passion over my fiscal dreams, the choice couldn't have been more obvious: I want to be an English teacher. For those of you who are counting – this is major change number three.

I guess the point of this mini life story is to let you know that there is nothing wrong with changing your major once, twice, or even three or more times. College is a brief segment of your life, even if you end up spending seven years here discovering yourself and who you want to become. Don't stick with something you don't absolutely love doing and don't try to hide from your true desires. Most importantly, don't worry about disappointing anyone by changing your major. If you continue with the wrong major for the wrong reasons, the only person you'll end up disappointing is yourself.

I'll be transferring next fall, since, unfortunately, UW-Stout doesn't offer a degree in English education. Making this decision was among the most difficult in my life, but I am confident I've made the right one. UW-Stout was an amazing first chapter in my college years, but it's time to begin writing chapter two.

Littering

Ali Riehle
UW-Stout student contributor

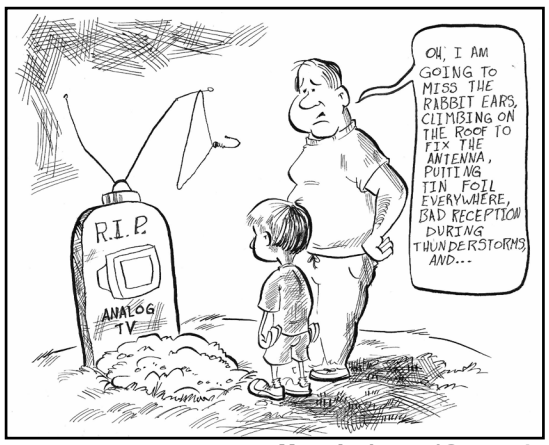
Trash. Waste. Garbage. Filth. Litter. I despise all of these words, but the one that I hate the most is "litter." It makes you look stupid. It doesn't save you any time and it doesn't result in anything positive. It causes Styrofoam to blow around for years, animals to die and water to be contaminated. After all of this snow melts in a few weeks, who wants to see Wendy's wrappers and cigarette butts littering this small town?

Maybe we need more garbage cans and recycling bins around campus and town. However, let's revert back to kindergarten and review what we learned about the earth and our affect on it, and apply it to our lives today. I'm not saying that everyone on campus is littering all of the time, and I don't think that this is the biggest issue facing our generation. All that I am saying is that I really enjoy the pretty flowers of the spring and a beer can or a Burger King wrapper don't compliment them very well.

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Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor and
Tanya Young
Menomonie Market Food Co-Op

There are two certainties in the life of a college student: time to spend on cooking snacks will be almost non-existent, and the snacks easiest to grab will most likely not be for the betterment of one's health.

The simple reality of these truths, however, is that finding quick, healthy and incredibly delicious snacking options is not only possible--it is much easier than you ever thought.

Tanya Young of the Menomonie Marked Food Co-op offers the following information that will not only broaden snacking horizons; it will change the way snacking is done all together.

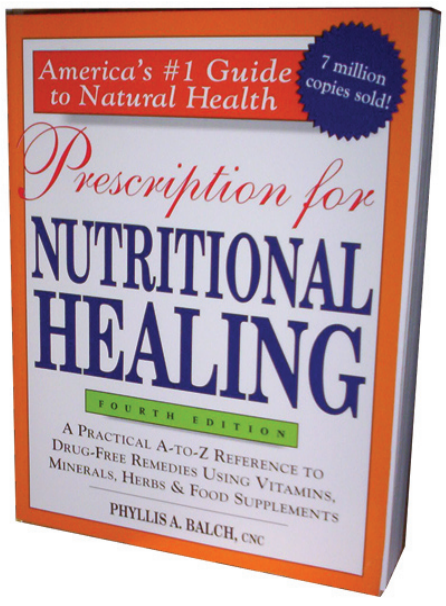
According to the "Prescription for Nutritional Healing,"* a book regarded as America's #1 Health Guide, a healthy diet should consist of a proper balance of the four essential nutrients: water, carbohydrates, proteins and fats, as well as a rich supply of vitamins, minerals and other micronutrients. Our food choices should also be free of harmful additives, preservatives and artificial ingredients, which are present in most conventional packaged and canned foods. This book also reminds that the healthiest fruits and vegetables are those that have been grown organically—without the use of insecticides, herbicides, artificial fertilizers or growth-stimulating chemicals.

- Earthbound Farm Organic baby carrots dipped in Holy Land hummus (local product-Minneapolis)
- Refried bean mix (buy the quantity you need and just add boiling water) served with organic green and red bell pepper strips
- Ryvita Sesame Rye flatbread crackers topped with Organic Valley cottage cheese and organic tomato and cucumber slices.
- Wakame Instant (Japanese) Soup single-serve packets (just add boiling water) with wasabi peas on the side for satisfying crunch and some spice!
- Personalized Trail Mix: Make your own by combining organic bulk nuts, dried fruits, seeds and sesame sticks in a large bowl. Scoop with a 1/2 cup measure into snack size Ziploc bags or reusable containers and you'll have snacks ready for the whole week. Put a serving in your book bag each morning so it will be there when you need it. Experiment with your mixture for variety.
- Newman's Own pretzels dipped in Maranatha organic peanut butter
- Organic apple slices drizzled with Concord Farms Organic Caramel Dip and topped with crushed cashews.
- Organic vanilla yogurt topped with sliced organic banana and garnished with coconut flakes. Mix a few spoonfuls of strawberry Bionaturae Organic Fruit Spread into the yogurt to complete this healthy version of a banana split!
- Organic salsa with Whole Grain Milling tortilla chips (local-Minn.)
- Spicy Cheese Bread: Holy Land whole wheat pita (local product-Minneapolis) sprinkled with Next Generation Caribbean Raw Cheddar Cheese(local product—Mondovi, Wis.) warm just until cheese melts in a toaster oven.

People in the university community are so busy on a daily basis and healthy snack options often aren't within arm's reach. "You don't have to settle for the empty calories, preservatives and high fat options that are so conveniently abundant," said Tanya Young, membership & marketing manager. "A little planning ahead and a quick stop to your local food co-op (located between North & South Campus) can help you have some tasty, healthy options at snack time."

The staff at Menomonie Market is amazingly helpful and committed to making your shopping experience enjoyable. There are convenient purchasing options available including credit cards and gift cards if you don't carry cash. Co-op members have the benefit of deducting their purchases from a credit balance that they establish which makes checking out a breeze.

*Available for purchase at Menomonie Market $24.95.



Photos contributed by Tanya Young/ Menomonie Market Food Co-Op

Pictured above: Prescription for Nutritional Healing—Look up ailments in alphabetical order and get 1-2 pages of detailed information on how to eliminate/ manager your condition(s) naturally. It also has general information about nutrition, healthy living and eating.

Pictured to the left: Snack #2 Organic bell peppers which are high in Vitamin C.

About Menomonie Market Food Co-op:

Menomonie Market has been serving the community for 35 years. The store provides natural, organic and alternative foods and other products that are of high-quality and fairly priced. The organization works toward a sustainable local economy and environment and provides knowledgeable customer service to members and the general public.

Location: 521 E. Second Street, Menomonie, Wis.

Store Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.



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Mad Lib "Love Story" for Valentine's Day

Dear _____(01):

I woke up this _____(02) and my_____(03) blushed at the thought of you. You are not only_____(04), but very _____(05). Every time I _____(06) you make my _____(07) become _____(08) and my _____s(09) begin to_____(10). I can't wait till _____(11) night. I have a _____(12) surprise for you. It is _____13), _____(14), and _____s(15) alot. I hope you will _____(16) it. I will be wearing the _____(17) _____(18) you gave me last _____(19). I know how much you love to _____(20) me in it.

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Your Favorite _____(21), _____(22)

Words for Blanks

_____(01)
your sweetheart's name

_____(02)
time of day (eg. afternoon)

_____(03)
body part

_____(04)
adjective

_____(05)
adjective

_____(06)
present tense verb

_____(07)
body part

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day of the week

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present tense verb

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_____(18)
item of clothing

_____(19)
holiday (eg.easter)

_____(20)
present tense verb

_____(21)
noun

_____(22)
your name

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Fun facts about Valentine's Day

- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged in US each year. That's the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.
- Women purchase 85% of all valentines.
- In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets. Parents receive 1 out of every 5 valentines.
- About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.
- Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the biggest holidays for giving flowers.
- Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.
- California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America. Approximately 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.
- 73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.
- Men buy most of the millions of boxes of candy and bouquets of flowers given on Valentine's Day.
- The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.
- Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.
- The oldest surviving love poem till date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C
- Amongst the earliest Valentine's Day gifts were candies. The most common were chocolates in heart shaped boxes.
- To be awoken by a kiss on Valentine's Day is considered lucky.



- On Valentine's Day, the first guy's name you read in the paper or hear on the TV or radio will be the name of the man you will marry.
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"My Bloody Valentine 3-D": how real men celebrate Valentine's Day



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A.J. Forst and
Katie Lucas
Stoutonia Staff

In a world where horror movies will make money no matter how bad they are, and are also in 3-D, comes "My Bloody Valentine." The main selling point to this movie is the 3-D aspect. The trailers show mining tools being thrown into the audience, as well as a scary, masked guy jumping out at them. However, this isn't really the case.

This 1981 remake tells a story of an accident that caused a coal mine collapse where five men died. The only survivor, Harry Warden, lapsed into a coma as the result of the collapse, but only after killing the other trapped men. One year later, on Valentine's Day, Harry woke up and went on a killing rampage. After 10 years had passed, the small mining town became terrorized again by a man in a miner's mask. Is it Harry, or somebody else seeking revenge?

AJ: The first problem with this movie is that only selected theaters actually play it in 3-D. So, if you plan to go to it, make sure the theater you go to actually plays it in 3-D. The Menomonie one doesn't, but the mall in Eau Claire does.

The second problem is that the 3-D isn't that great. It looks like watching a movie through a View-Master (one of those toys with something like 14 images on a paper disk that turns when the little lever is pushed down). It looked kind of cool, and, when there wasn't a lot of movement, looked amazingly clear, lacking the graininess of regular films. However, quick movement blurred the images, and instead of things jumping out towards the audience, everything looked 3-D, but at a distance. There wasn't a great use of the 3-D to make the movie scarier. Very few things actually looked like they were coming out of the screen.

The third, and least surprising problem, was the storyline. It was basically non-existent. The script was probably written on a napkin and said, "A miner goes crazy in a small town and kills a bunch of people on Valentine's Day. Then, 10 years later, it happens again." This was probably followed by some bullet points such as: Teenagers, lots of nudity, corpses, cheating husband, small-town cop, old boyfriend returns, scary guy in one of those masks that miners wear when the air gets toxic that limits his peripheral vision to the point he misses seeing anyone hiding around a corner.

This movie was pretty terrible. It got more watchable after the 10-minute-long scene with the naked woman running around, but the ending was almost as boring and unexplained as the beginning of the story. There really was no explanation as to why this guy killed people, other than being crazy, or why he was bulletproof at one point. The only reason to go to this movie is to see a feature-length 3-D movie, but don't be surprised if that turns out to only be interesting for about 10 minutes.
Rating: 3/10

Katie: "My Bloody Valentine" falls into the same category as the "Scream" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer" movies: scary, exciting and interesting… when you were in junior high. However, the 10-minute female nude scene puts this slasher movie into another category. Not only was the nudity scene unnecessary, but it was also confusing. If it was meant to be scary with an exotic twist it missed sorely and ending up being more funny than anything.

Another thing that made this movie horrible was its predictability. While the ending did come as a surprise, every "twist" throughout the movie was obvious. The audience didn't have to think at all throughout this movie because everything was explained in boring detail. There doesn't need to be 10 flashback scenes in order to explain what happened, we get it.

The plot was typical and the acting was horrible. The only thing that made this movie worth watching was the 3-D aspect, but that was disappointing as well. There were a couple scenes where 3-D was used to its full potential, but for the most part it was blurry and useless.
Rating: 3/10

Taken: can't we all just get along?

A.J. Forst and
Katie Lucas
Stoutonia Staff

A former special ops/spy/government agent guy, Liam Neeson, dedicates his life to the protection of his country. Unfortunately, his family life suffers because of this, his wife marries somebody else and he becomes estranged from his daughter. He retires and moves closer to her so he won't miss his chance to be a father to her forever.

Daughter wants to go to Paris to see "museums" and needs his permission to leave the country. Dad accepts grudgingly because he thinks she's a good little girl and he wants to make her happy. He finds out that she is really following the band U2 around Europe, and the apartment at which she is staying is devoid of parental supervision. On top of that, daughter's friend is a bad influence.

Daughter and daughter's friend meet a seemingly nice guy at the airport and share a cab to their apartment. Dad finally gets a hold of daughter on phone, so daughter moves to quiet place in apartment to talk to him. During the course of this conversation, bad influence friend gets kidnapped and daughter knows they're coming for her. Dad knows what to do and gives her instructions. Daughter ends up kidnapped, but dad gets some leads. Dad begins rampage to get her back.

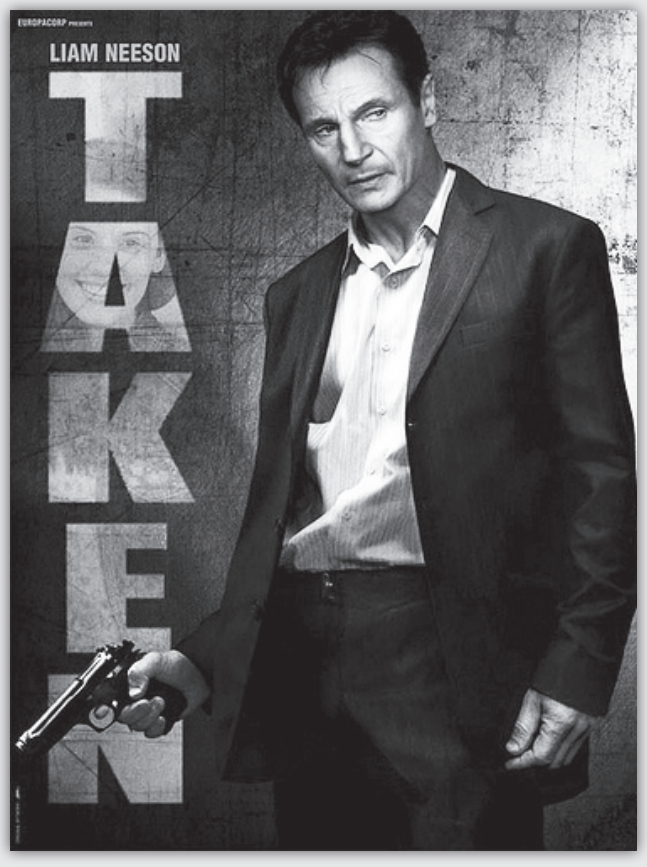
A.J.: This movie is fairly formulaic. The daughter is Miss Perfect and the dad has a good heart but is always doing things that hurt those he loves most. When his daughter is kidnapped, it's the perfect opportunity to show how much he loves her by the lengths he'll go to get her back. Of course he's a master of getting things like this done. He knows what course of action to take to rescue her.

Despite the fact that everything in this movie has been done before, it's entertaining. Don't expect anything very unique about this film, but if you feel like going to a revenge/rescue movie, see it. Also, if you want to see some quality brutality and a lot of people getting shot, see it. His hand-to-hand fighting style could have been a bit more refined so it looked less Hollywood and more military, but he does knock some people down fairly quick with a punch to the throat.
Rating: 7/10

Katie: While this is the typical "you kidnapped my daughter and now I'm going to kill you" movie, it was a pretty good one. It seems outrageous and unbelievable in some parts, but overall it is fast-paced, interesting and entertaining.

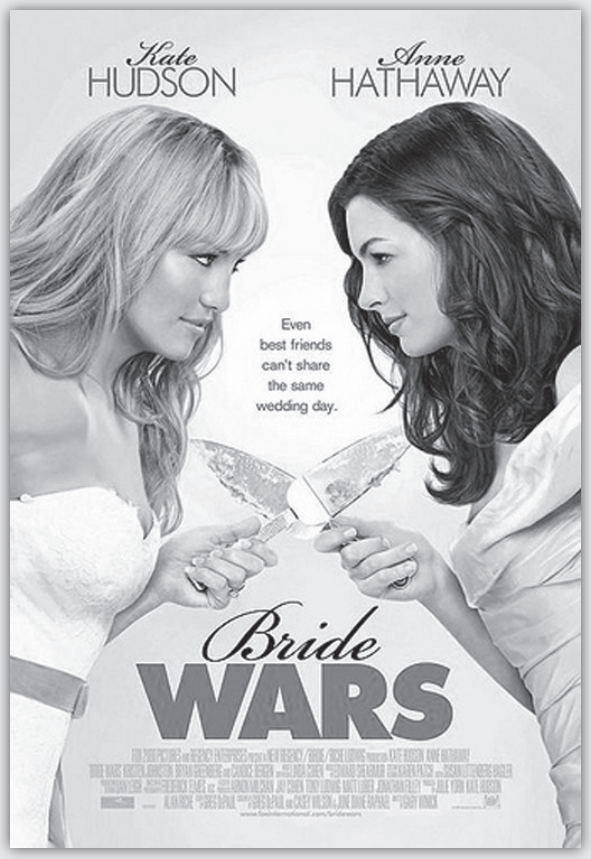
The acting in this movie is really well-done. The actors play their characters in a compelling and believable way, which reflected on screen. You felt like you knew the characters personally.

One thing that is disappointing is the action scenes. Everything is scrambled and spliced so much that it is hard to figure out what is happening.
Rating: 7/10



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"Bride Wars": all is fair in love and war



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Ileah Midthun
Entertainment Writer

What is something that almost everyone looks forward to? Well, for girls at least, weddings! So knowing this, a movie about weddings would be a hit in the girl world, right? Well, in this case, not so much.

Starting out, the movie seems like it is going to be a cute family movie full of wedding happiness, and with a PG rating this is to be expected. As quickly as that assumption is made, the tides turn.

Childhood friends Emma (Anne Hathaway) and Liv (Kate Hudson) have been dreaming of their perfect weddings at the Plaza Hotel since they could walk. They are going to be each other's maids of honor, and they already have their colors, flowers and dresses picked out. Sounds like everything is going smoothly, right? Wrong. As soon as they both realize that there was a mistake in the booking of the venue where their weddings fall on the same day, they will stop at nothing to make their perfect day come true, with no consideration for the other. The best friends soon turn into enemies.

Liv, the more superficial of the girls, seems to care about nothing but the diamond in her friend's engagement ring when her best friend becomes engaged. She also quickly becomes extremely jealous when Emma is engaged first and her boyfriend does not ask her right away. She then demands for him to propose or she will leave him.

They both start to sabotage each other in different ways. Whether it be mixing up the dyes for their hair or making their spray tan orange, they will stop at nothing to get what they want and do not have any consideration for the other's big day.

Watching this movie gave the sudden realization about how superficial some people are, especially when it comes to marriage. This movie leaves an empty feeling left in your stomach, knowing that the petty, superficial story portrays something that is not too far from the truth.
Rating: 7/10

Art show extravaganza

Jadyn Beyer
Entertainment Writer

Hey, all of you budding artists! If you love to paint, submit your works to the upcoming art show. The mixed media juried exhibition, "By All Means Necessary," will be accepting works through Friday, Feb. 13.

2-D or 3-D works that are relevant to painting will be accepted for submission, but works must have been completed within the last year. Submitted works must include identification labels and a short, typed paragraph of how the work relates to painting. Submissions that are not completed and ready to hang will not be considered.

Works can be dropped off in room 319 of Applied Arts from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13. A submission fee of two dollars for one to two pieces of art is necessary to fund a reception. The exhibition will be held from Monday, Feb. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 22, with a reception on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

All work that is not selected for the show will be critiqued by advanced studio art students and will be returned with commentary. Students seeking advice and guidance on their works can benefit from this experience.

Questions should be directed to Mary Overman at overmanm@uwstout.edu.

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Men's basketball top UW-Superior for first conference win

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men finally recorded their first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win on Jan. 21 at home in Johnson Fieldhouse. The win came against the University of Wisconsin-Superior, who sit right atop the bottom-dwelling Blue Devils in the conference standings.

The start of the game was delayed more than 15 minutes because the fire alarm sounded, which cleared the building of all fans and players.

The temperature outside followed the Blue Devils inside and lingered with them as they shot an ice cold 30 percent from the field in the first half. During halftime, the locker room served as a warming house for the team, and the shooting heated up in the second half.

The seven-point deficit was erased about halfway through the second half as a result of an 8-0 run and the Blue Devils never looked back. UW-Stout hit nearly 66 percent of the shots that they took in the second half, including six 3-pointers.

Four different players scored in double digits: Sophomores Jerrod Buchholtz, Eric Hostetter, Mahlon Thomas, and Junior Jerrel Enerson-Matthews.

Enerson-Matthews' double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds propelled the Blue Devils into the win column in conference play, as the final was 63-54.

UW-Stout would try to carry that success over into their next game where they faced yet another conference foe in the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

UW-Platteville entered the game with only two losses and ranked second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It was a rambunctious atmosphere in the stands and on the floor of Johnson Fieldhouse as the Blue Devils kept the game interesting against the heavily-favored Pioneers.

It was a physical affair with plenty of bodies on the floor scrambling to recover loose balls. Buchholtz hit two crucial free throws with under two minutes to deadlock the teams at 51-51.

Untimely turnovers turned out to be the Achilles' heel for UW-Stout as Pioneer guard Curt Hanson capitalized on a last minute steal with a lay-up that ultimately sealed the fate of the Blue Devils.

Buchholtz led all scorers with 19 points and did not turn the ball over once. Enerson-Matthews contributed 16 points, which was more than any one UW-Platteville player could accumulate. It was a valiant effort, but the Blue Devils fell short yet again 51-55.

The outlook for UW-Stout was optimistic for their next game, which was a non-conference affair against Silver Lake College, which is located in Manitowoc, Wis.

Five of the Blue Devil's six total wins had come against non-conference opponents. Silver Lake College had only tallied three wins total in their 2008-2009 campaign. The star of the game for UW-Stout was Thomas, who had 14 points and 14 rebounds, which matched his career best outing for rebounds. It was Thomas's second double-double of the season. The same players that scored in double digits during the UW-Superior game repeated that feat as Hostetter and Enerson-Matthews each had 16 points, Buchholtz scored 12 to go along with Thomas's 14. UW-Stout won this game on the boards, outrebounding the Lakers 45-28, which resulted in a Blue Devil road victory 72-60.

Four days later, it was back to WIAC action for the Blue Devils as they were set to face off against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The Blue Devils trailed for the majority of the game, falling behind by as many as 13 points in the second half. They fought back from that deficit, and Buchholtz again hit some pivotal shots from the charity stripe down the stretch that pushed the game into overtime. The battle ensued into overtime where the Blue Devils were never able to take the lead over the Titans. It took some more timely free throw shooting this time, as Enerson-Matthews tied the game at 72 with only two seconds left on the clock.



LaynePitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout sophomore forward Mahlon Thomas wins a jump ball against UW-Superior's Greg Roeder. UW-Stout won the game 63-54.



Layne Pitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout junior guard Jerrel Enerson-Matthews takes a jump shot against a potent UW-Superior defense. Enerson-Matthews ended the game with 11 point and 11 rebounds.

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The game would eventually be pushed into a second overtime. UW-Stout took a brief lead in the second overtime on the heels of an early bucket by Enerson-Matthews, but things stayed tight until the end of the second overtime period. Trailing by two points, the ball was placed in the hands of the Blue Devils' most prolific scorer, Enerson-Matthews.

With time winding down, Enerson-Matthews launched a three-pointer that hit every part of the hoop except for the inside of the net, and the Blue Devils were forced to stomach yet another heartbreaking loss 80-78. Buchholtz led all UW-Stout scorers with a career high 24 points, while Enerson-Matthews added 22. Thomas recorded his second straight double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. It was his third of the season.

UW-Stout had no answer for Titans' senior forward Dane Seckar-Anderson, who exploded for 35 points in the double overtime affair. UW-Stout is currently the WIAC leader in rebounds, blocks, and steals. These statistics have not translated into the win column for the team with a record of 7-12 with only one win in conference play.

Next up on the schedule, UW-Stout will head out on the road again to face third ranked University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Smooth skating continues as tourney approaches

Last seven games all productive as the UW-Stout hockey team wins five and tie two

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the second half of the season rolls on, the men's hockey team continues its consistent and competitive style of play. Maintaining this high level of performance is especially crucial during this time of the season, where each win gives the Blue Devils a better opportunity to seize the highest possible seed in this year's National Collegiate Athletic Association hockey tournament.

After breezing past St. Mary's University by a score of 18-2 over two games, and just scraping by the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the University of Wisconsin-Stout faced the two most significant games affecting the outcome of its season.

Conference leaders St. Scholastica and the University of Wisconsin-Superior played host to UW-Stout on Friday, Jan. 23 and Saturday, Jan. 24 respectively.

Heading into the St. Scholastica contest, the Saints were ranked second in the Division III rankings with UW-Stout claiming the seventh spot.

What started off as a back-and-forth game ended as a defensive stalemate over the final two periods of play, which became the Blue Devils' first overtime period of the 2008-09 season.

While the 2-2 tie didn't bring UW-Stout any closer to the top of the conference standings it also didn't distance them from the leader of the pack.

The following night had all of the makings for another classic.

The settings were the same and coincidentally so was the outcome of the game: a second consecutive 2-2 tie.

The Yellowjackets hold the top spot in the Division III polls, so for the second night in a row, the Blue Devils needed to be at the top of their game if they were to have a chance against another stellar opponent.

With a fairly even game that was tied 1-1 heading into the middle of the third period, the Yellowjackets dealt a crushing blow to the hopes of the Blue Devils as Eric Bausano flicked a shot toward the back of the net that gave UW-Superior a 2-1 lead with 10 minutes to play.



Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
UW-Stout senior goaltender, Matt Koenig, stops an opposing UW-Stevens Point shot. In sixty minutes of play Koenig had 17 saves.

As the final minutes began to shed off the clock, a sense of desperation came over the UW-Stout bench, but in this desperation the Blue Devils showed they had the cooler heads.

In order to apply more pressure to the UW-Superior goalie, Coach Watkins made the decision to pull goalie Matt Koenig in favor of an extra scorer, and the strategy worked to perfection. As a rebound shot at

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Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
The Blue Devils hockey team displayed their offensive arsenal as they scored a goal in each period.

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tempt by Andy Sternberg went wide, it was recovered by Joel Gaulrapp from behind the net and tossed to Derek Hanson and then sent to Scott Motz who had only one intention. Motz converted the game tying goal with 27 seconds remaining on the clock. For the remainder of regulation and the duration of overtime, the Blue Devils battled their way to their second 2-2 tie.

After the weekend in the Lake Superior bay area, a well needed rest was definitely needed after the hard-fought battles UW-Stout faced in the past two games.

With a solid five day rest, the team was skating fresh again and ready for a shot at another victory. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire would provide that shot.

While this game may have lacked the nail-biting thrilling edge that the previous two games had, UW-Stout treated it just like any other game and took care of business with a commanding 3-1 victory. Junior Joel Gaulrapp continued his impressive season with a game-icing goal in the third.

In their previous match-up with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in mid-November, the Blue Devils recorded one of the most impressive wins in the history of the program.

Facing a 3-0 deficit in the middle of the second, the team flipped the switch and scored four unanswered goals to complete the comeback in a 4-3 victory. Aware of the caliber opponent that shared the Dunn Co. Ice Arena with them that night, UW-Stout knew it had to keep its head on a swivel in order to avoid facing such a deep hole for the second time this year.

The switch that was flipped midway through its first match up was on for the entire game this time around. Even though the Pointers led 3-2 in the second period, the intensity was there to give the fans and the players the hope of a favorable outcome. Paul Henderson and David Larson were a big part of this turnaround as they took turns scoring goals off of each other's passes and give UW-Stout a 4-3 lead that it would not relinquish for the duration of the game.



Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
UW-Stevens Point Goaltender, Thomas Speer, had a rough night as the UW-Stout Blue Devils defeated UW-Stevens Point 6-3.

In the third period the Blue Devils were able to tack on a couple insurance goals for a final score of 6-3. With this victory, UW-Stout is assured a home game in the upcoming tournament. With three games remaining against Lake Forest, UW-River Falls and St. Norberts, the chance to win out the season is very much within reach for UW-Stout as long as they are able to provide competitive hockey each night they take the ice. If the Blue Devils are able to finish the season on a five game win streak, the momentum will be purely on their side as they look to ride deep into the tourney with their sights set on the throne of Division III hockey.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball

Record: 7-13 (1-10 WIAC)

The Blue Devils men's basketball team has shown much improvement recently, winning two of its last four games. One of the two games was a heartbreaking loss to UW-Oshkosh on Jan. 31, losing 80-78 in the second overtime. UW-Stout junior Jerrel Enerson-Matthews hand the potential game-winning three-point shot in the last seconds of the game. The ball hit the rim, rolled around and just when it looked like it was going to drop in, it fell out. The Blue Devils hope to improve their record as they play against UW-Whitewater on Feb. 7.

Next game: (Away) against UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m.

Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 15-5-2

Staying true to form, the UW-Stout hockey team has been on a hot streak lately, winning five of its last seven games and tying the other two. UW-Stout senior goalie, Matt Koenig, has been playing very well recently and was named the NCHA player of the week. Against St. Mary's, St. Scholastica and UW-Superior Koenig tallied 91 saves and had a save percentage of .958 and only allowed four goals. His recent performance has allowed the Blue Devils to come away with 10 wins in their last 13 games.

Next game: (Away) against Lake Forest on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Record: 12-8 (7-4 WIAC)

The UW-Stout women's basketball team has turned a three-game slump into a recent four-game winning streak, defeating UW-Superior, UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point. UW-Stout's Julia Hirssig scored 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds. It was her final three-points of the game that proved to be the most crucial as she made the game-winning basket with two seconds left on the clock. She then hit a free throw to seal the deal, putting the Blue Devils up by three. UW-Stout beat UW-Oshkosh 66-63.

Next game: (Away) against UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 3 p.m.

Women's basketball team on a four-game winning streak, Men's basketball wins their first conference game, Men's hockey continues their domination as they win five of their last seven and tie two.

The 2009 Super Bowl was a game for the ages

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

With the usual amount of hype that surrounds the two weeks preceding the Super Bowl, this is the first year in recent memory where one team was never given a chance to win a post-season game until they reached the highest stage of professional football. The Arizona Cardinals had been dubbed "the worst playoff team in history" and had been given little to no chance to win even when they were the first team to clinch a spot in the 2008 playoffs.

What is even more discouraging if you are the Cardinals and you have reached this echelon, is that the odds makers and bookies in Las Vegas had favored eight teams over you to go to the Super Bowl.

Eight teams that lost in the playoffs were given a better shot to win the Super Bowl than the Cardinals. Luckily for the owners of the Arizona franchise, all the hot air that is emitted from the mouths of sports fans had no effect on the outcome of the game; it was the players who determined the result.

The Cardinals were highlighted by their offensive attack that featured Super Bowl XXXIV Most Valuable Player, Kurt Warner, as the starting quarterback. At his disposal were two wide receivers of the highest caliber, Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin. The two act as such an effective duo because of the attention they demand from opposing defenses, you double cover one while leaving the other free to sprint to the end zone, the closest thing possible to a double-edged sword on the gridiron.

Their opponent, the Pittsburgh Steelers, were able to reach this game by playing suffocating defense the entire course of the season and sticking to the hard-nose style of play that has been associated with the Steelers franchise over the course of its existence in the Steel City.

Their defense is headlined with the 2008 National Football League Defensive Player of the Year, James Harrison, who is upholding the proud tradition of being a Steelers linebacker. He follows in the wake of such greats like Jack Lambert, Jack Ham, Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd.

For the first two quarters of action, the Steelers seemed to be in relative control of the potent offensive attack of Arizona.

Larry Fitzgerald had been dominant all postseason and looked to continue his streak of supremacy but ran into the Steel Curtain during the first half as he was limited to one catch for 12 yards. The Steelers led 10-7 with 18 seconds left until halftime, the Cardinals were in prime position to score as they were on the Steelers two-yard line.

Warner dropped back and tried to hit Boldin on an inside slant, but Harrison proved why he was honored as the top defensive player in the NFL as he stepped right in front of the Warner pass and rumbled his way 100 yards for a touchdown, the longest play in Superbowl history.

With a 17-7 lead at the half, it appeared the Steelers would ride that defense to their sixth world title.

The third quarter slowly melted away and here the Cardinals stood, down 20-7 with only 15 minutes left in their football season. If this was going to be the last game of Warner's storied career, he would make sure he went out a winner or went out fighting with every last bit of will he had.

If the first half was the side of the spectrum in which Larry Fitzgerald couldn't get open, the second half was the polar opposite. He and Warner began to hook up at the right place and the right time and these connections led to six points as Fitzgerald skied up for a beautiful jump ball grab that trimmed the Steelers' lead to six points.

After trading possessions, Cardinals punter Ben Graham helped his team out in a big way by pinning the Steelers deep at their own one-yard line.

It appeared they got out of the jam as Ben Roethlisberger hooked up with Santonio Holmes on a third and long but a late flag came in for holding in the end zone by the Steelers. The Cardinals were awarded two points for the safety.

With 2:47 remaining in the game and the score at 20-16, Arizona was in prime position to take its first lead of the game at the time it mattered most. After getting the ball back following the safety, Kurt Warner got things going in a very fast way that would make NASCAR green with envy.

Just 10 seconds after getting the ball back, Warner found Fitzgerald on a post route and hit him perfectly in stride and allowed the All-Pro wide-out to do the rest as he outran the entire Steelers defense en route to a 64-yard touchdown and the first lead of the game for his team.

Witnessing the late game magic by Warner must have inspired Roethlisberger as he led the drive of a lifetime that ended with a Santonio Holmes touchdown catch in the deep right corner of the end zone that displayed excellent hand and body control on Holmes' part. It was his fourth catch on the drive and his ninth for the day.

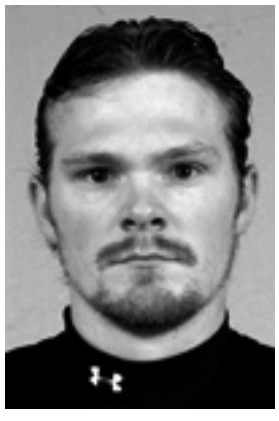
Those catches earned him 131 yards, a touchdown and Super Bowl XLIII MVP honors.



Matt Koenig

This six-foot one-inch senior goalie from Lakeland, Minn. is a business major. In his spare time he enjoys fishing and boating. In 2007 Koenig saw action in 11 games and posted a record of 6-0-1. Koenig was recently named the NCHA player of the week after a strong effort over three games against St. Mary's, St. Scholastica and UW-Superior. In the three games he tallied 91 total saves and protected ties against the second-ranked St. Scholastica and the third ranked UW-Superior. Koenig had 17 saves and no goals allowed over two periods against St. Mary's. UW-Stout won the game 6-1. In that week alone, Koenig made 91 total saves, had a save percentage of .958 and only allowed four goals. Thus for this season Koenig has an 11-4-2 overall record with a GAA of 2.44 and a 9.26 saves percentage.

The UW-Stout hockey team will play against Lake Forest in Lake Forest, Ill. on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.



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- How to find Co-op/Internship Workshop
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  Room 103, Administration Building

Friday, February 6

- "Back to the '80s" Dance
  8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
  Great Hall, MSC

Saturday, February 7

- Rail Jam: Ski and Snowboard Competition
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  Multipurpose Field, Menomonie

Monday, February 9

- Art Open House
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Tuesday, February 10

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  10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

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Wednesday, February 11

- Interviewing Workshop
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Thursday, February 12

- Resume and Letter Writing Workshop
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Saturday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 17

- Lake Menomin Pond Hockey Tournament
  8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Lake Menomin Pond, Menomonie

- How to find Co-op/Internship Workshop
  10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, February 18

- Job Searching Strategy
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Entertainment

Thursday, February 5

- Daughters of the Sun with Andrew Broder from Fog
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Friday, February 6

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Thursday, February 12

- Children 18:3 with Aiming for Aurora
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Friday, February 13

- James Bond: Quantum of Solace
  7 p.m.
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Wednesday, February 18

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Athletics

Friday, February 6

- Gymnastics vs. UW-Whitewater
  6 p.m.
  Menomonie

- Hockey at Lake Forest
  7:30 p.m.
  Lake Forest, Ill.

Saturday, February 7

- Men's and Women's Track and Field at Border Battle
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- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater
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  Whitewater, Wis.

- Hockey at St. Norbert
  7 p.m.
  Green Bay, Wis.

Wednesday, February 11

- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-Superior
  7 p.m.
  Men's: Superior, WI and Women's: Menomonie, Wis.

Friday, February 13

- Men's and Women's Track and Field at UW-River Falls Open
  3 p.m.
  River Falls, Wis.

- Gymnastics at University of Arizona
  7 p.m.
  Tucson, Ariz.

- Hockey vs. UW-River Falls
  7:30 p.m.
  Menomonie, Wis.

Saturday, February 14

- Men's and Women's Track and Field at UW-River Falls Open
  11 a.m.
  River Falls, Wis.

- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse
  Men's: 3 p.m., Women's: 5 p.m.
  Menomonie, Wis.

Wednesday, February 18

- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls
  7 p.m.
  Men's: Menomonie, WI and Women's: River Falls, Wis.



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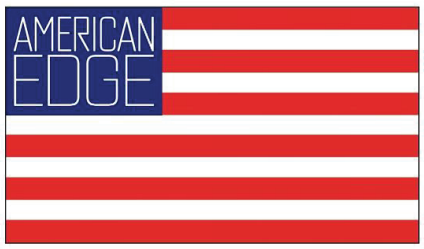
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	8
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	6
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$300	$150	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	6
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	A
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	8
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	8
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	8
2	1	1502 10th Street	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	D
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$545	$273	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	3
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	3
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	D
3	1	915 Main Street	$540	$180	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D

BR	BA	Address	E/U	P/P	E/U	P/P	Description	TYPE
1	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
1	1	414 14th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
2	1	121 12th Avenue West	$685	$171	$860	$215	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
1	1	309 14th Avenue West	$700	$175	$880	$220	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
1	1	1319 8th Street	$750	$188	$930	$233	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
2	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
1	1	414 14th Avenue #1	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #3	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #5	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #6	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #7	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #8	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
3	1	2235 South Broadway	$920	$230	$1,120	$280	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
3	1	400 18th Avenue	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
3	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
3	1	512 19th Avenue W	$750	$150	$950	$190	Large split-level, 2 living rooms, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
3	1	2006 5th Street #A	$800	$160	$1,025	$205	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
3	1	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
3	1	2006 5th Street #C	$1,000	$200	$1,250	$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
3	1	504 10th Street	$800	$133	$1,080	$180	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
3	1	115 17th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,280	$213	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
3	1	415 13th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,250	$208	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
3	1	1321 9th Street	$1,100	$183	$1,400	$233	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
4	1	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
4	1	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
4	1	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
4	1	408 18th Avenue East	$1,200	$200	$1,500	$250	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
3	1	1321 2nd Street West	$980	$140	$1240	$177	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
4	1	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H

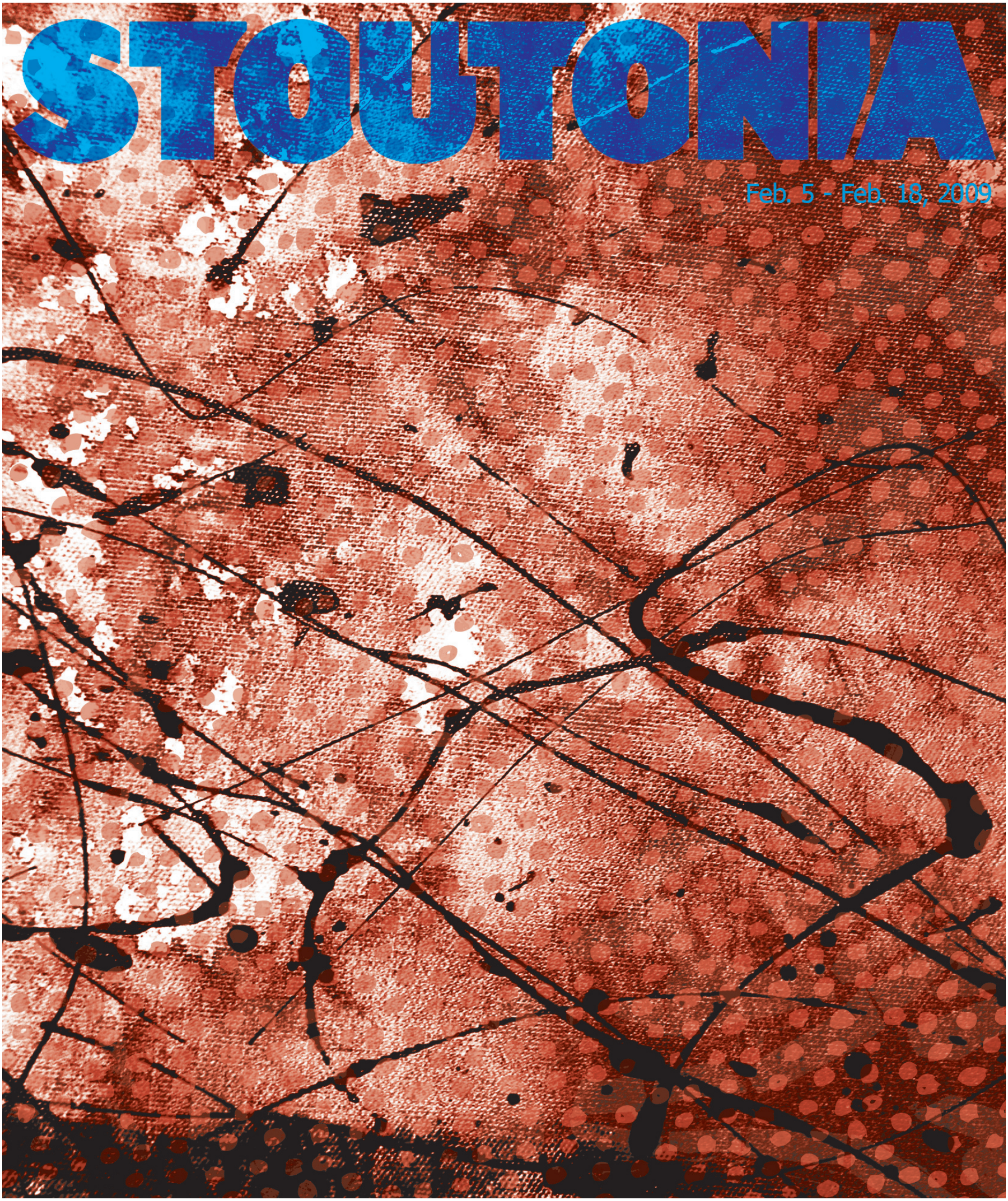
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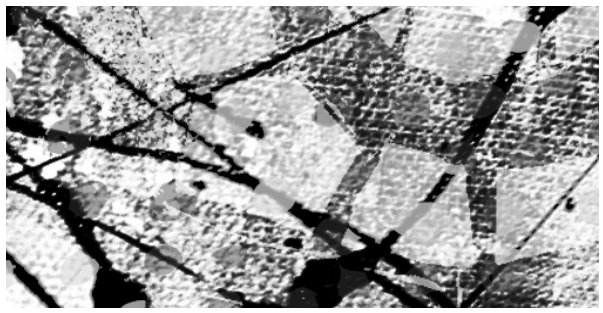
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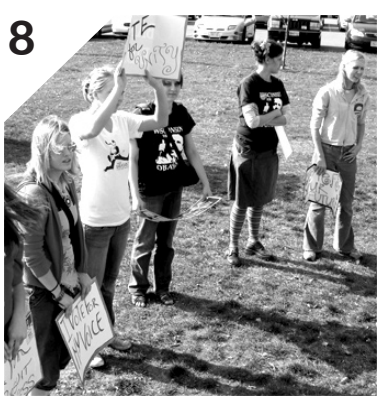
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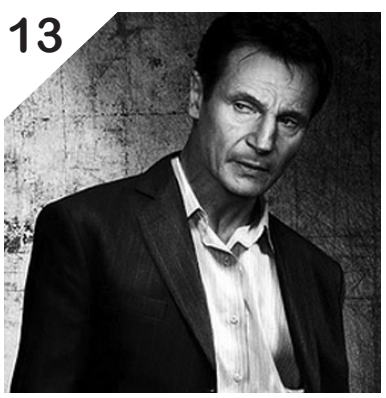
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Lasting benefits of international study

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

There is little that most students know about the study abroad programs offered through University of Wisconsin-Stout. Everyone knows that a trip to Australia or Italy must cost a small fortune, and as college students, no one thinks they have the money for that. Believe it or not, there are programs dedicated to the exploration of students and easy ways to lower the cost of a once-in-a-lifetime experience. In one of the worst economic conditions that our nation has ever seen, the following are things every student should consider before looking at the initial cost of studying abroad.

At first glance, a trip to a foreign country can really scare already-homesick students. Being afraid of language barriers is also a common fear for English speaking students, but stepping outside the box is easiest now as opposed to 20 years from now. A program such as studying abroad leads not only to amazing memories, but also dramatic language gains. According to studyabroadresearch.org, students that have pre-departure language learning can become a better foreign language reader as well as speaker. Students abroad also gain more in terms of vocabulary than regular academic-year classroom students. Students who studied abroad also said that they picked up on many of the social norms.

Kristina Schmitt, a senior with an international business major, Spanish minor and concentration in supply chain management, said, "The amount of time I learned to speak Spanish would have taken me three times longer to learn here." According to Kristina, she walked away with more knowledge of Spanish culture and moral values than she could have learned in a classroom.

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> —*Tonico Marin, UW-Stout Graduate*

Tonico Marin, a UW-Stout graduate with a business major and specialization in international business and banking of economics and finance said, "it was interesting to see how other countries view our country's practice in business. You will never in your lifetime be able to travel for a small amount of time at that cost. It is truly a life-changing experience."

Peter Galante, UW-Stout professor and head of the Italy Study Abroad program this summer stressed the importance of getting out there and opening not only your mind to another country but also your taste buds. "Italian food is not The Olive Garden, it's real Italian food. Sure, Rome has the largest McDonald's in the world, but we aren't there to eat McDonald's. You have to go outside your box."

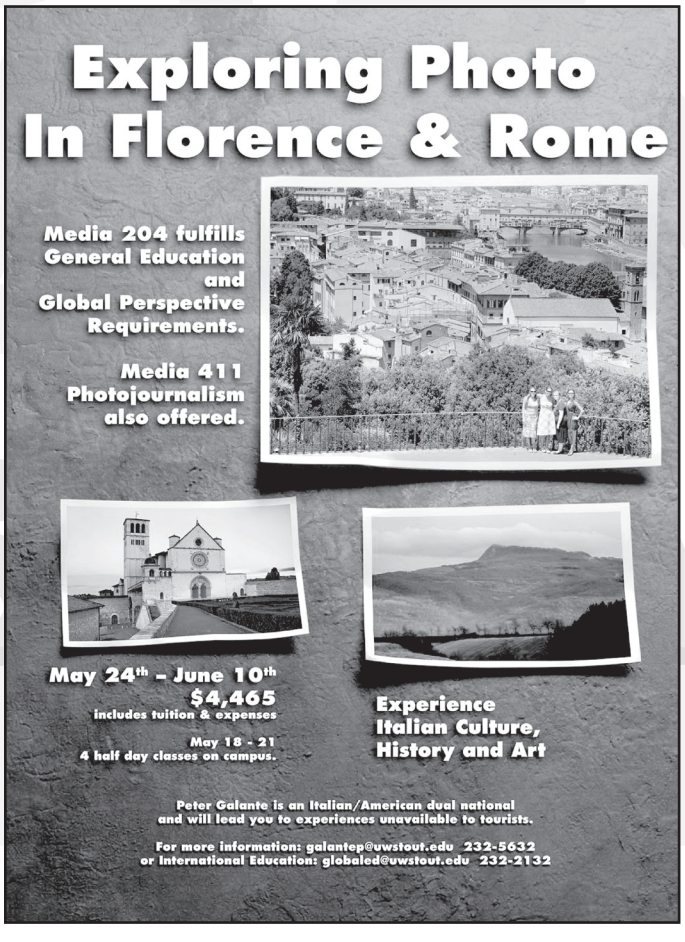
When I talked to Peter Galante about this summer's trip abroad to Italy, he showed much enthusiasm when speaking about the benefits of studying in a non-English speaking country. The initial trip may make you feel like you are going out of your comfort zone, but this is a great opportunity to experience something that is not "Americanized." Going to a location such as Australia can be a life changing experience, but their culture does not stray far from American ways. Still speaking English, you are not expanding your boundaries to different languages and cultures. Part of Peter's itinerary includes a tour of Rome, photography opportunities at locations such as the Coliseum and three authentic Italian cuisine meals which are included in the initial cost of the trip.

When looking at the cost of a short term trip through the study abroad programs offered here at UW-Stout, students must recognize that taking that same trip with no educational connection could be much more expensive in the future. Adding up the cost of airfare, hotel and private expenses, going with a group of people that share your same fears can actually make an international trip more comfortable.

Although many of the loan programs that once supported international studies have subsided due to our nation's economy, there are more opportunities for Wisconsin residents. Not only does the Wisconsin government grant up to $2,000 a semester for full-time students, but anyone taking a summer-long trip can receive up to $1,000 for a six credit short-term program. For more information regarding Wisconsin funding, contact the Financial Aid Office or the Office of International Education, both located in Bowman Hall.

To find more information on scholarships, every students can look at studyabroadfunding.org. If you select your location, it shows hundreds of ways to save money through scholarships. It's impossible to put a price tag on that kind of experience.

Applications and paper work for study abroad programs next fall are due to UW-Stout by Feb. 13.





Yes we are | The University of Wisconsin-Stout is the most energy-efficient campus in the UW System

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

In a report released by Wisconsin's Department of Administration, the University of Wisconsin-Stout has once again been found to be the most energy-efficient campus in the UW System.

The report "Energy Use in State-Owned Facilities" based its findings on the energy consumption of all UW campuses. Energy consumption is monitored through the campuses' utility bills and fuel consumption.

UW-Stout has led the UW System in energy efficiency for over 10 years. Last year, the report found UW-Stout to be 30 percent more efficient than the UW System's average.

According to UW-Stout's media release and Physical Plant Director Ted Henzel, energy efficiency comes from the precise maintenance and cleaning of the school's physical plant by UW-Stout's maintenance workers.

UW-River Falls was named the runner-up for energy efficiency.

Birds on the brain

The Great Backyard Bird Count brings fun to the outdoors in dreary February

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

By the middle of February no one wants to go outside. The gray sludge and fluctuating temperatures are dreary, and it may take a lot of coaxing to get people out of their warm and cozy beds. As incentive for leaving your house and as a reminder of what the promise of spring holds, the Great Backyard Bird Count is being held from Feb. 13 – 16.

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Participants of the GBBC count the birds in their backyards and report the data to the Web site www.birdcount.org. This data is then used by scientists and conservationists to track bird population trends. Many researchers are currently using this data to determine the effects of global warming and urbanization on bird populations.

Participating in the GBBC is easy and does not require any previous bird knowledge. The sponsor of the event, the West Wisconsin Land Trust, is holding an open house on Feb. 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Menomonie Public Library.

At the open house you will receive a checklist of birds to look for. You will also have the opportunity to learn to identify birds, and make a bird feeder for your own backyard. For people who would like to participate outside of their home, there will be a sign-up for a group bird count.

Nationally, thousands of people each year participate in the GBBC and in 2008 more than 85,000 checklists were submitted.

For more information, contact the West Wisconsin Land Trust at 715-235-8850 or visit www.wwit.org.

Crazy for recycling | RecycleMania is back and bigger than ever

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RecycleMania kicked off for the third year in a row on Jan. 30 in The Underground of the Memorial Student Center.

RecycleMania, run by the National Recycling Coalition, pits universities across the country against each other to compete for titles such as Grand Champion and the Gorilla Prize.

The kick-off, hosted by Krista James' Biology-111 students, Blue Devil Productions and other organizations brought in over 50 students for open-mic performances and a drawing. More importantly, the kick-off got students motivated for another year of competitive recycling.

Last year the University of Wisconsin-Stout was in the top 50 percentile for the Grand Champion, Gorilla Prize, Paper and Bottles/Cans categories.

Hope Larsen, one of the student organizers of the event, was excited for the turnout of over 50 students at the kick-off and she encourages students to attend the upcoming RecycleMania events. Sporting events and dorm competitions are just a few of these upcoming events where students can dropoff their recyclables to help UW-Stout win the national Grand Champion title. Look for upcoming events in the daily campus e-mail.

Megan Palmer, president of BDP, was also excited for the kick-off turnout and is looking forward to possibly doing more RecycleMania events. This is the third year BDP has participated in Recyclemania as part of a co-op with other organizations.

For more information on RecycleMania, contact Jake Pulfer at pulferj@uwstout.edu, Steve Zweber at zwebers@uwstout.edu and Hope Larsen at larsenh@uwstout.edu, or visit www.recyclemania.com.





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Left: The crowd watches the open-mic performances at the RecycleMania Kick-Off on Jan. 30 in the Underground of the MSC. Right: Students serenade the crowd at the RecycleMania Kick-Off.

Moments in Menomonie

The Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater



Construction on the Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater started in 1890.

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Staff Writer

Walking down Main Street on the way back to their dorms on north campus, many students will notice the magnificent, ornate building that looks as if it has been here forever. The stonework carving and elegant stairs leading up the building only begin to hint at the beauty that lies inside. While students may or may not notice this architectural treasure, it is a very important part of the city's history, and its existence plays tribute to a young girl who was around the same age as many of us at the time of her death.

Mabel Tainter passed away in 1886 at the young age of 19. Her parents, Captain Andrew Tainter and Bertha Tainter, commissioned the building because Mabel was such a fan of the arts. Andrew was a lumber baron for Knapp, Stout & Co. and owned his own steam ship.

The building itself was dedicated in 1890 and was built with sandstone from around the area. Scottish stonemasons worked on the building non-stop for about a year before completing the project. Captain Andrew Tainter invested greatly in the building of the memorial and chose the Minneapolis-based architectural firm of Leroy S. Buffington, and widely-known Harvey Ellis was the main architect for the job.

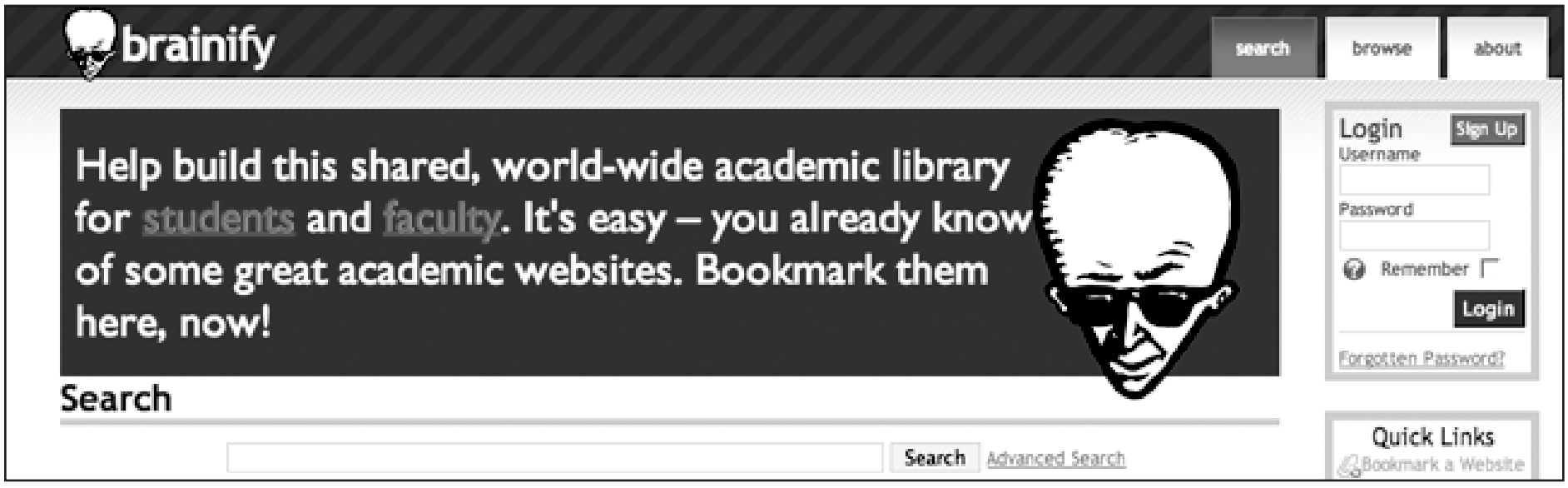
Fresco-style painting, Turkish rugs, Mexican onyx, silk and Mecca draperies are only a few of the wonders that reside in the beautiful memorial. Every room is very well thought out and truly decorated from ceiling to floor. If you walk into what is now the theater audience seating, you will find velvet-covered seats, elaborate molding and beautiful curtains and paintings.

So if you're walking back to your dorm, or just taking a stroll along Main Street one day, stop into the Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater and take a look around. For more information on tours or show times for the Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater, call 715-235-9726 or visit www.mabeltainter.com.



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Fried brain? | Students find new outlet for academic frustration



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Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

I am guilty of stalking. I spend hours on Facebook examining ex-boyfriends' pictures, judging their current girlfriends and looking up relationship and pregnancy statuses of former high-school classmates. When I finally shut my laptop lid and drag myself to class, my carpel tunnel has flared up and hours of my life have flown by.

Luckily for me and my academic career, a site exists where students can get help on assignments, perform research, study for tests and communicate with other students and professors, all while still engaging in the obsessive networking qualities of Facebook.

Brainify, the creation of Murray Goldberg, is like the Web sites YouTube and Flickr, as it helps a user look for specific content while making connections with people all over the world. The more people who join the site and contribute academic information and resources, the more helpful the site becomes. Goldberg hopes Brainify becomes "a vibrant academic site where university and college students can find exactly what they are looking for."

In pursuit of anything to make my academic career my vibrant, I typed in www.brainify.com and came to a site that looked very similar to the search engine Google. Across the top of the page was a keyword search bar that you can tweak to fit your academic search criteria. There were also links to new users' profile pages. I navigated to a box on the right of the page to sign up as a new user. A disclaimer warned me I needed a university issued e-mail address to register and I immediately began to warm to the site. Yes! Like the old Facebook before the hostile teeny-bopper takeover, I had found a place free of the 15-year-olds and 40-year-olds taking up space on my newsfeed.

I typed in my name and e-mail and created a user name and password. I then received a notification that Brainify needed to confirm that my e-mail address was issued by a real university, and that I would receive a welcome e-mail in 24 hours or less. The wait for my e-mail verification was a bit of a pain because I couldn't really explore the site without it, so I prepared to spend the next 24 hours going about my day as usual, procrastinating, as I waited patiently in the hopes that the site would indeed help me become a more successful student.

Approximately two hours later, I received an e-mail confirming that the University of Wisconsin-Stout was indeed a real college and prompting me to click a link to verify my e-mail address. The link then took me to the Brainify "About" page. This page explained that the Web site is dedicated to academic social networking for students and professors and that it was a tool to help you learn. It also contained a video with a personal message from Goldberg.

One of the more interesting things I found on the "About" page was under the heading "Help Brainify Grow and It Might Help You." Though the Web site is based on user profiles, your success as a user grows if your actions on the Web site are deemed "valuable" by other Brainify members, therefore adding points to your "reputation." According to the Web site, if Brainify were to ever be bought out by a larger company, Brainify "will distribute 30 percent of the sale price among Brainify members according to their reputation." Two of the best ways to better your reputation on the site are by bookmarking Web sites and by recommending Brainify to your friends.

So what does this mean for you? If Brainify were to sell for 15 million dollars, 4.5 million dollars of the sale would be divided among Brainify's most reputable users. However, the site does not say how the money will be divided. Regardless, the idea of someday having a little money in my pocket for spending time on a Web site was enough to prompt me to fill out my profile page.

The profile page was not as elaborate as Facebook's. I uploaded a picture and chose academic interest groups to post information to in the future. However, my major, technical communication, was not listed and I had to create to a group for my degree. When I was through successfully completing my profile, I had earned 121 reputation points and was ranked 59 out of 265 users.

I have to admit, 10 minutes into Brainify and I was already missing the friendly, unknown faces of the "people I might know" feature on my newsfeed and the advertisements for acai berries and Proactive skin care. Nevertheless, I pushed on and began to navigate through some of Brainify's features.

The key features I found on Brainify included the ability to bookmark academic websites posted by other users and the ability to post my own pages for others. I also liked a feature called "Ask a Question" where I could post a question about an academic topic and someone would respond with a thought or a potential answer.

While navigating, I found two different resources for helping me cite papers. I also became friends with a student at the University of British Columbia, where I want to get my master's degree, and I started a group for UW-Stout.

Unfortunately, there are a few things on Brainify that I found to be a disappointment. Like any new Web site, Brainify was difficult to navigate at first. Also, while there is a search bar, it was hard to look up people I might have had something in common with. Finally, the atmosphere on Brainify was a little dead. It was difficult to navigate the updates of users and groups and find conversations to contribute to, but the site definitely has possibilities for growth. The more members who join the site, the easier Brainify will become to use as a valuable resource to conquer that 400-level accounting or chemistry course. As the popularity of the site grows, so does its ability to help you gain knowledge and maybe someday gain a few bucks in your pocket.

University Housing staff members planned this event to educatee the campus on discrimination issues that can still be found.

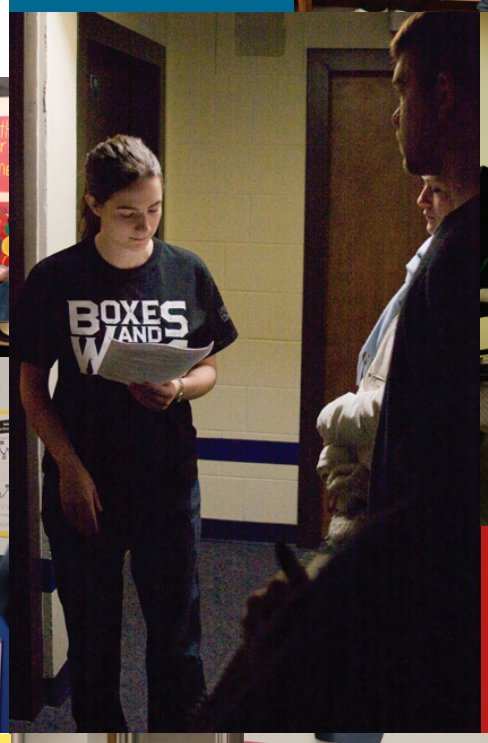
Topics included gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, age, socioeconomic status and more.



Each room was an interactive museum built by students and staff for students to feel as if they were in the oppressed peoples' situation.



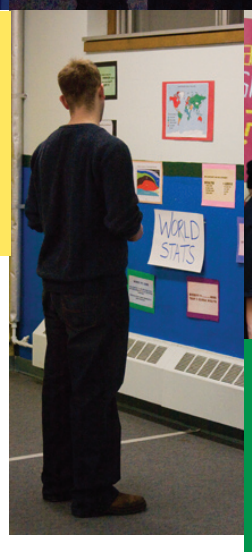






BOXES and WALLS

Boxes and Walls was held in the CKTO basement on Feb. 2-4. Each of the interactive rooms had a different theme and lasted approximately 45 minutes.





Toby Zingrone/Stoutonia

"Raising awareness is the first step to creating change."

- Boxes and Walls news release

UWS A HISTORIC MOMENT



Stout students rally for Obama on UW-Stout campus on Nov. 4. Ali Riehle/Stoutonia

A look back at President Obama's Inauguration

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

While millions of people across the world dreamt of attending the 2009 Presidential Inauguration last month, only a few thousand were lucky enough to have the opportunity. With all of the ceremonies, traditions, celebrations and balls, there was certainly a lot going on in Washington, D.C. and across the rest of the country as well.

On the day of the inauguration, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th president. Those citizens that lived in the area and were able to travel to D.C. participated through numerous activities if they were able to make it through the crowds of others around them.

Many artists played music, people spoke and Joe Biden was sworn in as the new vice president of the United States of America. A poem was also read, followed by the benediction.

After the ceremony was over, The Inaugural parade took place and the streets were lined up with onlookers for miles.

Later that night, Barack and Michelle Obama, as well as Joe and Jill Biden, prepared to attend 10 different balls hosted in their honor:

1. **Neighborhood Inaugural Ball**
2. Obama Home States Inaugural Ball
3. **Youth Inaugural Ball**
4. Midwest Inaugural Ball
5. **Mid-Atlantic Inaugural Ball**
6. Western Inaugural Ball
7. **Commander-in-Chief Ball**
8. Southern Inaugural Ball
9. **Eastern Inaugural Ball**
10. Biden Home States Inaugural Ball

Stout community member shares experience of watching 2009 inauguration first hand

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer



In the Midwest, millions of Americans watched as Barack Obama took the oath of office, danced with his wife at the balls and prepared for the hard work that is ahead of him. For one member of the UW-Stout faculty, however, the view of Obama was a lot closer than many others.

Paul Schwartz, Assistive Technology Manager of the University of Wisconsin-Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute, booked a flight on Nov. 7 after Barack Obama was appointed the President-elect. He was able to make it to Washington, D.C. and stay with a friend that lived only two miles away from the capital, which saved him a lot of transportation trouble on inauguration day.

Schwartz was able to obtain inauguration ceremony tickets from U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis., who rallied with UW-Stout students for Obama on campus last fall. Congressional offices across the country were allotted 200 tickets each and were able to give them to some people who requested them, who then were able to attend the ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20.



[8 a.m.]
Security gates were opened. Ticket holders were advised to arrive early to avoid last-minute confusion.

[10 a.m.]
The inaugural ceremony officially began. It was held on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol.

[12 p.m.]
Obama took the Oath of Office and proceeded to give his inaugural address.

Sexual assault reporting on the rise

Alyssa Anttila
Staff Writer

The Menomonie Police Department recently acknowledged a rise in reported sexual assaults in the Menomonie area.

"Sexual assaults are not happening any more or less," Campus Violence Prevent Project (CVPP) coordinator Jessica Bryan stressed. "They are just being reported more, which is a good thing."

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault defines sexual assault as "acts of violence where sex is used as the weapon. Victims/survivors of sexual assaults are forced, coerced and/or manipulated to participate in unwanted sexual activity."

"Many times people are afraid of reporting because they are afraid of not being believed, don't want to retell their story, are unsure of the criminal process or are hesitant if alcohol was involved," said Bryan.

According to the CVPP Web site (www.uwstout.edu/cvpp), only five percent of undergraduate women report they were sexually assaulted.

Bryan believes more students and individuals are reporting their assaults because they know where to go for help and feel comfortable talking with someone. CVPP staff, including Bryan, present to all incoming freshmen about sexual assault and where to go when and if it happens to them or a friend.

"If an assault happens, a student can contact CVPP, the Dean of Students, law enforcement, housing services or anyone on campus they feel safe talking to," said Bryan. "The student will then learn about their options and choose what to do next."

Bryan stressed victims are not forced to talk or do anything they are told and they are free to make any decision they want, including the decision to report what happened.

"We are an advocate for them throughout the process of dealing with the situation," said CVPP project director Amber Gerber. "We try to be with them each step of the way."

Sexual assaults and rapes are often targeted at women, but anyone, male or female, is at risk and the perpetrator may be an acquaintance.

"Acquaintance rape adds complexity because the victim doesn't want to see them get in trouble, as weird as that sounds," Bryan said. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 47 percent of rapes are committed by acquaintances.

Gerber also offered some advice to students that can help keep them safe. "Make a safety plan with your friends, come home together and know the location you are going," said Gerber. "Also, monitor alcohol consumption."

Bryan added, "If you know someone that has been a victim of sexual assault or rape, listen to what they have to say and assist them in finding help if they want it."

How to stay safe when going out:

>>>**Don't walk alone** at night.
>**Talk** with your friends before going out to make sure everyone is coming home **together**.
>>Agree that **no one will leave** the party without one another.
>>>>**Always** have your cell phone on.
>If you are going to be drinking, have one sober friend that is going to **watch out** for the rest of the group.
>>**Do not** leave your drink unattended.

What to do if sexually assaulted:

- Get to a safe place
- Call 911 or (232-1283) for Menomonie Police or (232-2222) for Campus Police
- Call Campus Violence Prevention project (232-2468) or the Bridge to Hope (235-9074) or Myrtle Werth Hospital (235-5531)
- Don't take a shower or comb your hair, you may destroy evidence
- Preserve the clothes worn at the time of attack
- If possible, do not go to the bathroom until after the examination
- Get a medical exam (preferably from a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.), even if you don't think you want to press charges
- Inquire about tests for possible pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

All Information Courtesy of Campus Violence Prevention Project: **www.uwstout.edu/cvpp**



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Smoking or Non?

Jan. 1

During the security rounds at Callahan, an RA noticed a strong smell of tobacco coming from one of the rooms. The resident admitted to having smoked a cigarette. Fortunately, they did not set off the smoke detector. I am sure everyone, while standing in the snow bank during the fire alarm, would have been very sympathetic to the fact that they did not want to smoke in the freezing cold.

Self inflicted hit and run.

Jan. 11

Emergency vehicles were called to attend to a man that appeared to have been hit by a car. After being checked out by personnel it was discovered that his only injury was a cut nose. The real cause of his condition was due to severe intoxication. Lucky for him, we have brave men and women out there who are ready to pick him up off his sorry keister every time he participates in a happy hour.

This will teach you!

Jan. 21

A resident of North Hall heard someone scratching at his door. When he opened it he saw a former acquaintance walking away and there were scratches in the wood. Apparently their friendship had ended on a bad note. What a clever and mature way to get revenge! "This will teach him when he has to pay the $15 repair fee. Bwahaha!"



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"The weather." That's a safe topic, isn't it? Is it?

Jean-Marie Dauplaise
Associate Professor

The late grand-mistress of etiquette, Emily Post, is perhaps the most prominent American of the 20th century to suggest that polite conversations emerge in large part as the result of conversant sticking to "safe topics." As examples, she most frequently cited a perhaps familiar line-up: the weather; sports; the latest great song by a popular music group, the recent play at school.

I suspect that the 21st century campus in general – and shall we say the University of Wisconsin-Stout in particular - might constitute something of a conversational quagmire in this respect. For one, apparently auditions for the new UW-Stout Theater selection, "Urinetown – the Musical," are over and pre-production is underway. I confess that I know absolutely less than nothing at all about this particular musical. I am guessing the work was titled, at least in part, in hopes of provoking interest. It appears to be working; I have overheard, in the hallowed halls of Harvey, some speculations about the work that I doubt Mrs. Post would have let fly tableside. She would, of course, have been too polite to say so outright, perhaps, but I digress.

Long before Eminem or Public Enemy appeared on the scene, and definitely before I was even born, from coast to coast, Leonard Cohen's lyrics raised more than just a few eyebrows. Based on all known evidence, it is beyond unlikely that Ms. Post ever heard of Leonard Cohen, let alone ever despised or relished a single note of a Leonard Cohen original. (Post died in 1960 at age 88; Cohen moved to the U.S. in 1967, which is the same year his first quite esoteric album was released.) Leonard Bernstein's work, on the other hand, I would wager, would have made Post's grade.

I'm going to get bold here and just skip sports altogether, not because there's nothing contentious to tend to in the realm of physical games, professional and otherwise; the Olympics alone could keep us busy for a week – the Packers could keep us busy for months – and the Packer-Viking rivalry, well, I'm not going there.

Let's just get back to the weather shall we? Yes. Much like the evening news forces us to do, not unintentionally, I suspect, the weather keeps everyone waiting. Right now – mostly we're waiting for it to warm up. I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one tired of his or her rotating wardrobe of thermal underwear, bundling up like some strange offspring sprung from the nether-loins of the Michelin "Man" mascot and his softer, more androgynous Stay Puft Marshmallow pal, who did loom, however unthreateningly, over the city of New York in one of my all time favorite films, "Ghostbusters." I wore four layers today, including the requisite Columbia Sportswear outer-layer, an enormous woolen scarf my mother gave me in 1982 and a headband. Sadly, I couldn't find my Cabela's bomber hat this morning, and sadly, my mother lives two and a half hours north of here and is no longer able to tie my scarf in double knots behind my head. I just never can seem to get myself bundled up quite so warmly as my mother did my brother and I back in the days when she still practiced live arctic mummification.



Marc Anderson/ Stoutonia

What she didn't know was that my brother and I, once safely out of her maternal sight, would undo one another's bonds so we could get on the bus without looking totally uncool. Granted, the result was actually sometimes worse than cool. (Frozen braids thawing out on the bus, I now realize, could not have been too fetching, but I digress). For a solid mostly-frozen decade, in the upper reaches of Wisconsin at the tip of Lake Superior where I swam in the summertime, it was of paramount importance not to look too much like a geek. In retrospect, my nine-year record of over-achievement in 4-H, along with the late-blooming, tinsel-bedizened teeth and local public library read-a-thon awards definitely tipped the scales against me.

By the time I got to college, here at UW-Stout, the nerve-endings that apparently hadn't matured adequately enough for me to sense the sub-freaky cold temperatures of our favorite Lake Superior swimming hole (the largest in North America), finally matured, and suddenly hats and scarves seemed like a pretty grand idea. So good, in fact, that the scarf Mom gave me in 1982, despite my having lived in Atlanta, Ga. for 12 years, was packed away and saved for Christmas homecomings – and eventually, much to my surprise, my Welcome Back Kotter – the Collegiate Tour return to UW-Stout. That scarf was the only item I didn't have to purchase when I moved back up here to "Yankee land." (Thanks, Mom).

And now I'm an English professor. Now I am cool and I don't have to untie my scarf. Or maybe it's because I don't care anymore if nobody knows who I am as I waddle about town in my layers of insulation. Hey, I'm alive under all that layering, and technology has definitely made the process a lot easier. (Although Velcro still can't beat Joan Dauplaise for really getting the outerwear properly snug, I'll admit.)

Having said all this, what I want to know is – yeah, though it be twenty below, what is it with these people in their shorts, their flip-flops (or high heels), nearly shoeless, definitely coatless, hatless, glove and mitten-less, teetering through the snow banks on their way to class – or to those coffee places downtown, perhaps? I've actually grown so alarmed by this seemingly growing fad that I actually sent D2L e-mails to students before our first spring term classes met asking them to please dress appropriately for the weather, lest I become addled and distracted, staring as their ice-blue toes thawed audibly during class – or worse.

I've never had a strong stomach and I'm not much up to performing emergency amputations; although I "saw" one on T.V. once, I actually had my face averted and my eyes shut.

So, here's my question: what in the world is this all about? I don't remember students during the '80s deliberately walking to class half-dressed in January. There were occasional incidents of lamentable drunken stupidity, yes. But these rare incidents have become the stuff of legend. Last week I was reminiscing with an old friend from my North Hall days and we both remembered precisely the day in 1986 (we're pretty sure) that classes were cancelled, and old Bob L., ran outside in his boxer shorts and across the street to buy a gallon of milk at Tom Thumb both because he was horribly drunk and also because Jim D. dared him to do it. Looking back on it over two decades later – one of us (not me) a parent – the profound collective and individual idiocy that culminated in the moment is indisputable, yes. In addition to that, the uniqueness of the very idea of going outside unshod and barely clad bordered on the unimaginable. This was no polar-bearing expedition recorded for posterity, done with, in most cases, a modicum of common sense and usually involving news crews and lots of free publicity (sometimes for a good cause). No. I'm talking about casually strolling around campus wearing next to nothing.

The consequences? Potentially legion. But that's another story, for another day. If you have any good ones, please share. I already have a dandy from the Zamboni-driving English professor of Harvey Hall, so see if you can beat her's. Send your great "Underdressed in the Frozen Midwest" stories to us here at: stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

letters to the editor

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Changing majors = major changes

Craig Zimanske
UW-Stout student contributor

Many freshmen college students pull up to campus on move-in day with minds eager to delve into their decided majors. The sheer bliss of starting a new chapter in life distracts students from the old warning that they'll probably change their major over the course of their time at college – and possibly more than once. Over winter break, I had a lot of free time (too much perhaps) to evaluate my goals and aspirations in life and I got to thinking: am I on the right track to get where I want to go? Ah, yes, the mid-undergraduate crisis had struck. Though the outcome of this dilemma will certainly be the most drastic for me, this isn't the first time I've done some rearranging.

For the longest time, I've been fascinated with houses, especially the extravagant multi-million dollar mansions sprouting up around the Twin Cities. I would sit at the dining room table for hours on end, carefully plotting out the design of my next big dream home. This interest led me to consider a degree in architecture, which, after visiting Iowa State University, turns out is not at all what I thought it was. So I hemmed and hawed a bit more. I exchanged e-mails with a gentleman who owns a design-build company based out of Minneapolis and he suggested finding a school that offers construction management. It ended up being my kindergarten teacher who convinced me to go to the University of Wisconsin-Stout (though not when I was actually in kindergarten, just to clarify). Her son majored in construction management here (some professors may remember a certain troublemaker by the name of Nick Deutsch) and really enjoyed his experience. I had already changed my major once and school hadn't even started yet.

The construction program worked out well for me for the first year. The courses were interesting and applicable to my career intentions – to work for and eventually own a residential construction business. As I looked over the program plan sheet, however, I felt like many of the required classes would not be of interest or necessity to me; they were just geared too much toward heavy industrial construction. This, naturally, spurred major change number two, to business administration with an emphasis in construction.

I was appeased for awhile – a semester to be exact. And then being holed up in Nowhere, Minnesota for a whole month allowed me to examine my ambitions. Something kept nagging at me, pulling my heart in another direction. I suppose I'd be more accurate to say that someone kept nagging at me, namely my high school English teachers, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. DeValk. I told them many years ago how teaching high school English was always a secret desire of mine and once they knew this, they never relented their campaign to convince me. For the sake of keeping you awake, I'll abbreviate: they convinced me. And here is what won me over: they asked me, "In 10 years, which career will you regret having not done?" I pondered it for hours and after a conversation with UW-Stout's very own Dr. Lopa Basu, I came to realize that the reason I wrote off becoming an English teacher years ago was solely financial. I realized that I didn't really want to be the guy overseeing the building of a mega-mansion, I just wanted to be the multi-millionaire living in it! When I finally started to consider my passion over my fiscal dreams, the choice couldn't have been more obvious: I want to be an English teacher. For those of you who are counting – this is major change number three.

I guess the point of this mini life story is to let you know that there is nothing wrong with changing your major once, twice, or even three or more times. College is a brief segment of your life, even if you end up spending seven years here discovering yourself and who you want to become. Don't stick with something you don't absolutely love doing and don't try to hide from your true desires. Most importantly, don't worry about disappointing anyone by changing your major. If you continue with the wrong major for the wrong reasons, the only person you'll end up disappointing is yourself.

I'll be transferring next fall, since, unfortunately, UW-Stout doesn't offer a degree in English education. Making this decision was among the most difficult in my life, but I am confident I've made the right one. UW-Stout was an amazing first chapter in my college years, but it's time to begin writing chapter two.

Littering

Ali Riehle
UW-Stout student contributor

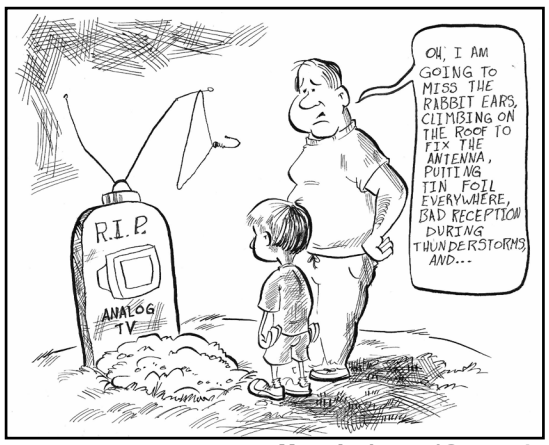
Trash. Waste. Garbage. Filth. Litter. I despise all of these words, but the one that I hate the most is "litter." It makes you look stupid. It doesn't save you any time and it doesn't result in anything positive. It causes Styrofoam to blow around for years, animals to die and water to be contaminated. After all of this snow melts in a few weeks, who wants to see Wendy's wrappers and cigarette butts littering this small town?

Maybe we need more garbage cans and recycling bins around campus and town. However, let's revert back to kindergarten and review what we learned about the earth and our affect on it, and apply it to our lives today. I'm not saying that everyone on campus is littering all of the time, and I don't think that this is the biggest issue facing our generation. All that I am saying is that I really enjoy the pretty flowers of the spring and a beer can or a Burger King wrapper don't compliment them very well.

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Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor and
Tanya Young
Menomonie Market Food Co-Op

There are two certainties in the life of a college student: time to spend on cooking snacks will be almost non-existent, and the snacks easiest to grab will most likely not be for the betterment of one's health.

The simple reality of these truths, however, is that finding quick, healthy and incredibly delicious snacking options is not only possible--it is much easier than you ever thought.

Tanya Young of the Menomonie Marked Food Co-op offers the following information that will not only broaden snacking horizons; it will change the way snacking is done all together.

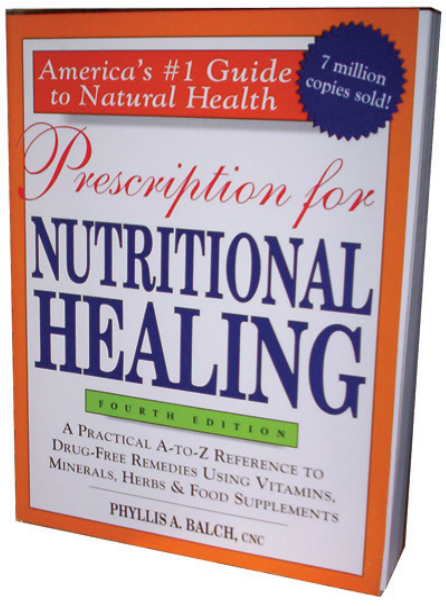
According to the "Prescription for Nutritional Healing,"* a book regarded as America's #1 Health Guide, a healthy diet should consist of a proper balance of the four essential nutrients: water, carbohydrates, proteins and fats, as well as a rich supply of vitamins, minerals and other micronutrients. Our food choices should also be free of harmful additives, preservatives and artificial ingredients, which are present in most conventional packaged and canned foods. This book also reminds that the healthiest fruits and vegetables are those that have been grown organically—without the use of insecticides, herbicides, artificial fertilizers or growth-stimulating chemicals.

- Earthbound Farm Organic baby carrots dipped in Holy Land hummus (local product-Minneapolis)
- Refried bean mix (buy the quantity you need and just add boiling water) served with organic green and red bell pepper strips
- Ryvita Sesame Rye flatbread crackers topped with Organic Valley cottage cheese and organic tomato and cucumber slices.
- Wakame Instant (Japanese) Soup single-serve packets (just add boiling water) with wasabi peas on the side for satisfying crunch and some spice!
- Personalized Trail Mix: Make your own by combining organic bulk nuts, dried fruits, seeds and sesame sticks in a large bowl. Scoop with a 1/2 cup measure into snack size Ziploc bags or reusable containers and you'll have snacks ready for the whole week. Put a serving in your book bag each morning so it will be there when you need it. Experiment with your mixture for variety.
- Newman's Own pretzels dipped in Maranatha organic peanut butter
- Organic apple slices drizzled with Concord Farms Organic Caramel Dip and topped with crushed cashews.
- Organic vanilla yogurt topped with sliced organic banana and garnished with coconut flakes. Mix a few spoonfuls of strawberry Bionaturae Organic Fruit Spread into the yogurt to complete this healthy version of a banana split!
- Organic salsa with Whole Grain Milling tortilla chips (local-Minn.)
- Spicy Cheese Bread: Holy Land whole wheat pita (local product-Minneapolis) sprinkled with Next Generation Caribbean Raw Cheddar Cheese(local product—Mondovi, Wis.) warm just until cheese melts in a toaster oven.

People in the university community are so busy on a daily basis and healthy snack options often aren't within arm's reach. "You don't have to settle for the empty calories, preservatives and high fat options that are so conveniently abundant," said Tanya Young, membership & marketing manager. "A little planning ahead and a quick stop to your local food co-op (located between North & South Campus) can help you have some tasty, healthy options at snack time."

The staff at Menomonie Market is amazingly helpful and committed to making your shopping experience enjoyable. There are convenient purchasing options available including credit cards and gift cards if you don't carry cash. Co-op members have the benefit of deducting their purchases from a credit balance that they establish which makes checking out a breeze.

*Available for purchase at Menomonie Market $24.95.



Photos contributed by Tanya Young/ Menomonie Market Food Co-Op

Pictured above: Prescription for Nutritional Healing—Look up ailments in alphabetical order and get 1-2 pages of detailed information on how to eliminate/ manager your condition(s) naturally. It also has general information about nutrition, healthy living and eating.

Pictured to the left: Snack #2 Organic bell peppers which are high in Vitamin C.

About Menomonie Market Food Co-op:

Menomonie Market has been serving the community for 35 years. The store provides natural, organic and alternative foods and other products that are of high-quality and fairly priced. The organization works toward a sustainable local economy and environment and provides knowledgeable customer service to members and the general public.

Location: 521 E. Second Street, Menomonie, Wis.

Store Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.



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Saturday, Feb. 7
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10 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12
Two Many Banjos and Dave Simonette

Music/ Events at the Stones Throw

Friday, Feb. 6
White Iron Band + Fat Maw Rooney
10 p.m. $7

Saturday, Feb. 7
Hip Hop Showcase
10 p.m. $3

Thursday, Feb. 12
Pat McCurdy with Doc's Kids
10 p.m. $7

Friday, Feb. 13
Alter Ego
10 p.m. $4

Upcoming Album Releases

Monday, Feb. 9

Courtney Love
Nobody's Daughter

Mos Def
The Ecstatic

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Lily Allen
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Warren G
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Trouble Andrew

Mad Lib "Love Story" for Valentine's Day

Dear _____(01):

I woke up this _____(02) and my_____(03) blushed at the thought of you. You are not only_____(04), but very _____(05). Every time I _____(06) you make my _____(07) become _____(08) and my _____s(09) begin to_____(10). I can't wait till _____(11) night. I have a _____(12) surprise for you. It is _____13), _____(14), and _____s(15) alot. I hope you will _____(16) it. I will be wearing the _____(17) _____(18) you gave me last _____(19). I know how much you love to _____(20) me in it.

Hugs and Kisses,

Your Favorite _____(21), _____(22)

Words for Blanks

_____(01)
your sweetheart's name

_____(02)
time of day (eg. afternoon)

_____(03)
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- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged in US each year. That's the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.
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- Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s.
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- The oldest surviving love poem till date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C
- Amongst the earliest Valentine's Day gifts were candies. The most common were chocolates in heart shaped boxes.
- To be awoken by a kiss on Valentine's Day is considered lucky.



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"My Bloody Valentine 3-D": how real men celebrate Valentine's Day



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A.J. Forst and
Katie Lucas
Stoutonia Staff

In a world where horror movies will make money no matter how bad they are, and are also in 3-D, comes "My Bloody Valentine." The main selling point to this movie is the 3-D aspect. The trailers show mining tools being thrown into the audience, as well as a scary, masked guy jumping out at them. However, this isn't really the case.

This 1981 remake tells a story of an accident that caused a coal mine collapse where five men died. The only survivor, Harry Warden, lapsed into a coma as the result of the collapse, but only after killing the other trapped men. One year later, on Valentine's Day, Harry woke up and went on a killing rampage. After 10 years had passed, the small mining town became terrorized again by a man in a miner's mask. Is it Harry, or somebody else seeking revenge?

AJ: The first problem with this movie is that only selected theaters actually play it in 3-D. So, if you plan to go to it, make sure the theater you go to actually plays it in 3-D. The Menomonie one doesn't, but the mall in Eau Claire does.

The second problem is that the 3-D isn't that great. It looks like watching a movie through a View-Master (one of those toys with something like 14 images on a paper disk that turns when the little lever is pushed down). It looked kind of cool, and, when there wasn't a lot of movement, looked amazingly clear, lacking the graininess of regular films. However, quick movement blurred the images, and instead of things jumping out towards the audience, everything looked 3-D, but at a distance. There wasn't a great use of the 3-D to make the movie scarier. Very few things actually looked like they were coming out of the screen.

The third, and least surprising problem, was the storyline. It was basically non-existent. The script was probably written on a napkin and said, "A miner goes crazy in a small town and kills a bunch of people on Valentine's Day. Then, 10 years later, it happens again." This was probably followed by some bullet points such as: Teenagers, lots of nudity, corpses, cheating husband, small-town cop, old boyfriend returns, scary guy in one of those masks that miners wear when the air gets toxic that limits his peripheral vision to the point he misses seeing anyone hiding around a corner.

This movie was pretty terrible. It got more watchable after the 10-minute-long scene with the naked woman running around, but the ending was almost as boring and unexplained as the beginning of the story. There really was no explanation as to why this guy killed people, other than being crazy, or why he was bulletproof at one point. The only reason to go to this movie is to see a feature-length 3-D movie, but don't be surprised if that turns out to only be interesting for about 10 minutes.
Rating: 3/10

Katie: "My Bloody Valentine" falls into the same category as the "Scream" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer" movies: scary, exciting and interesting… when you were in junior high. However, the 10-minute female nude scene puts this slasher movie into another category. Not only was the nudity scene unnecessary, but it was also confusing. If it was meant to be scary with an exotic twist it missed sorely and ending up being more funny than anything.

Another thing that made this movie horrible was its predictability. While the ending did come as a surprise, every "twist" throughout the movie was obvious. The audience didn't have to think at all throughout this movie because everything was explained in boring detail. There doesn't need to be 10 flashback scenes in order to explain what happened, we get it.

The plot was typical and the acting was horrible. The only thing that made this movie worth watching was the 3-D aspect, but that was disappointing as well. There were a couple scenes where 3-D was used to its full potential, but for the most part it was blurry and useless.
Rating: 3/10

Taken: can't we all just get along?

A.J. Forst and
Katie Lucas
Stoutonia Staff

A former special ops/spy/government agent guy, Liam Neeson, dedicates his life to the protection of his country. Unfortunately, his family life suffers because of this, his wife marries somebody else and he becomes estranged from his daughter. He retires and moves closer to her so he won't miss his chance to be a father to her forever.

Daughter wants to go to Paris to see "museums" and needs his permission to leave the country. Dad accepts grudgingly because he thinks she's a good little girl and he wants to make her happy. He finds out that she is really following the band U2 around Europe, and the apartment at which she is staying is devoid of parental supervision. On top of that, daughter's friend is a bad influence.

Daughter and daughter's friend meet a seemingly nice guy at the airport and share a cab to their apartment. Dad finally gets a hold of daughter on phone, so daughter moves to quiet place in apartment to talk to him. During the course of this conversation, bad influence friend gets kidnapped and daughter knows they're coming for her. Dad knows what to do and gives her instructions. Daughter ends up kidnapped, but dad gets some leads. Dad begins rampage to get her back.

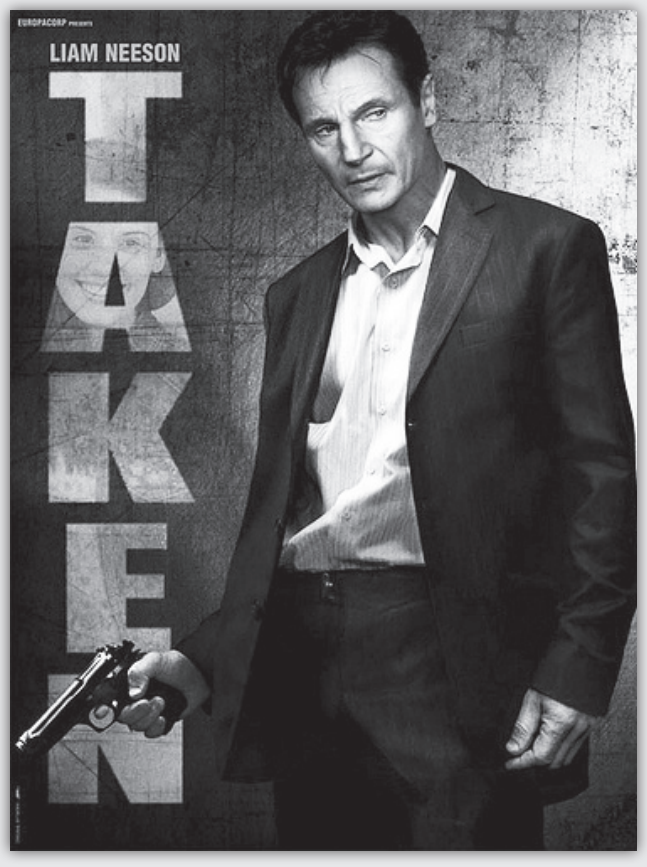
A.J.: This movie is fairly formulaic. The daughter is Miss Perfect and the dad has a good heart but is always doing things that hurt those he loves most. When his daughter is kidnapped, it's the perfect opportunity to show how much he loves her by the lengths he'll go to get her back. Of course he's a master of getting things like this done. He knows what course of action to take to rescue her.

Despite the fact that everything in this movie has been done before, it's entertaining. Don't expect anything very unique about this film, but if you feel like going to a revenge/rescue movie, see it. Also, if you want to see some quality brutality and a lot of people getting shot, see it. His hand-to-hand fighting style could have been a bit more refined so it looked less Hollywood and more military, but he does knock some people down fairly quick with a punch to the throat.
Rating: 7/10

Katie: While this is the typical "you kidnapped my daughter and now I'm going to kill you" movie, it was a pretty good one. It seems outrageous and unbelievable in some parts, but overall it is fast-paced, interesting and entertaining.

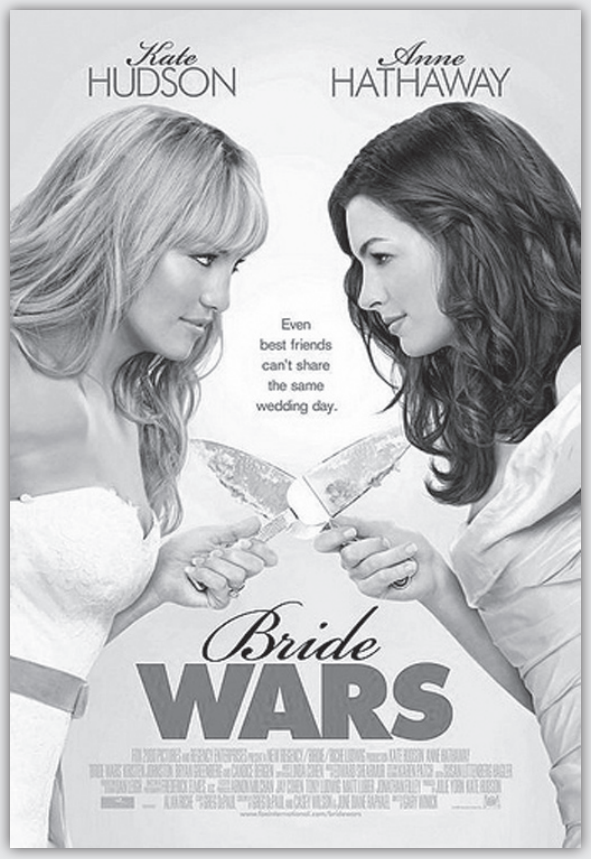
The acting in this movie is really well-done. The actors play their characters in a compelling and believable way, which reflected on screen. You felt like you knew the characters personally.

One thing that is disappointing is the action scenes. Everything is scrambled and spliced so much that it is hard to figure out what is happening.
Rating: 7/10



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"Bride Wars": all is fair in love and war



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Ileah Midthun
Entertainment Writer

What is something that almost everyone looks forward to? Well, for girls at least, weddings! So knowing this, a movie about weddings would be a hit in the girl world, right? Well, in this case, not so much.

Starting out, the movie seems like it is going to be a cute family movie full of wedding happiness, and with a PG rating this is to be expected. As quickly as that assumption is made, the tides turn.

Childhood friends Emma (Anne Hathaway) and Liv (Kate Hudson) have been dreaming of their perfect weddings at the Plaza Hotel since they could walk. They are going to be each other's maids of honor, and they already have their colors, flowers and dresses picked out. Sounds like everything is going smoothly, right? Wrong. As soon as they both realize that there was a mistake in the booking of the venue where their weddings fall on the same day, they will stop at nothing to make their perfect day come true, with no consideration for the other. The best friends soon turn into enemies.

Liv, the more superficial of the girls, seems to care about nothing but the diamond in her friend's engagement ring when her best friend becomes engaged. She also quickly becomes extremely jealous when Emma is engaged first and her boyfriend does not ask her right away. She then demands for him to propose or she will leave him.

They both start to sabotage each other in different ways. Whether it be mixing up the dyes for their hair or making their spray tan orange, they will stop at nothing to get what they want and do not have any consideration for the other's big day.

Watching this movie gave the sudden realization about how superficial some people are, especially when it comes to marriage. This movie leaves an empty feeling left in your stomach, knowing that the petty, superficial story portrays something that is not too far from the truth.
Rating: 7/10

Art show extravaganza

Jadyn Beyer
Entertainment Writer

Hey, all of you budding artists! If you love to paint, submit your works to the upcoming art show. The mixed media juried exhibition, "By All Means Necessary," will be accepting works through Friday, Feb. 13.

2-D or 3-D works that are relevant to painting will be accepted for submission, but works must have been completed within the last year. Submitted works must include identification labels and a short, typed paragraph of how the work relates to painting. Submissions that are not completed and ready to hang will not be considered.

Works can be dropped off in room 319 of Applied Arts from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13. A submission fee of two dollars for one to two pieces of art is necessary to fund a reception. The exhibition will be held from Monday, Feb. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 22, with a reception on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

All work that is not selected for the show will be critiqued by advanced studio art students and will be returned with commentary. Students seeking advice and guidance on their works can benefit from this experience.

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Men's basketball top UW-Superior for first conference win

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men finally recorded their first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win on Jan. 21 at home in Johnson Fieldhouse. The win came against the University of Wisconsin-Superior, who sit right atop the bottom-dwelling Blue Devils in the conference standings.

The start of the game was delayed more than 15 minutes because the fire alarm sounded, which cleared the building of all fans and players.

The temperature outside followed the Blue Devils inside and lingered with them as they shot an ice cold 30 percent from the field in the first half. During halftime, the locker room served as a warming house for the team, and the shooting heated up in the second half.

The seven-point deficit was erased about halfway through the second half as a result of an 8-0 run and the Blue Devils never looked back. UW-Stout hit nearly 66 percent of the shots that they took in the second half, including six 3-pointers.

Four different players scored in double digits: Sophomores Jerrod Buchholtz, Eric Hostetter, Mahlon Thomas, and Junior Jerrel Enerson-Matthews.

Enerson-Matthews' double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds propelled the Blue Devils into the win column in conference play, as the final was 63-54.

UW-Stout would try to carry that success over into their next game where they faced yet another conference foe in the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

UW-Platteville entered the game with only two losses and ranked second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It was a rambunctious atmosphere in the stands and on the floor of Johnson Fieldhouse as the Blue Devils kept the game interesting against the heavily-favored Pioneers.

It was a physical affair with plenty of bodies on the floor scrambling to recover loose balls. Buchholtz hit two crucial free throws with under two minutes to deadlock the teams at 51-51.

Untimely turnovers turned out to be the Achilles' heel for UW-Stout as Pioneer guard Curt Hanson capitalized on a last minute steal with a lay-up that ultimately sealed the fate of the Blue Devils.

Buchholtz led all scorers with 19 points and did not turn the ball over once. Enerson-Matthews contributed 16 points, which was more than any one UW-Platteville player could accumulate. It was a valiant effort, but the Blue Devils fell short yet again 51-55.

The outlook for UW-Stout was optimistic for their next game, which was a non-conference affair against Silver Lake College, which is located in Manitowoc, Wis.

Five of the Blue Devil's six total wins had come against non-conference opponents. Silver Lake College had only tallied three wins total in their 2008-2009 campaign. The star of the game for UW-Stout was Thomas, who had 14 points and 14 rebounds, which matched his career best outing for rebounds. It was Thomas's second double-double of the season. The same players that scored in double digits during the UW-Superior game repeated that feat as Hostetter and Enerson-Matthews each had 16 points, Buchholtz scored 12 to go along with Thomas's 14. UW-Stout won this game on the boards, outrebounding the Lakers 45-28, which resulted in a Blue Devil road victory 72-60.

Four days later, it was back to WIAC action for the Blue Devils as they were set to face off against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The Blue Devils trailed for the majority of the game, falling behind by as many as 13 points in the second half. They fought back from that deficit, and Buchholtz again hit some pivotal shots from the charity stripe down the stretch that pushed the game into overtime. The battle ensued into overtime where the Blue Devils were never able to take the lead over the Titans. It took some more timely free throw shooting this time, as Enerson-Matthews tied the game at 72 with only two seconds left on the clock.



LaynePitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout sophomore forward Mahlon Thomas wins a jump ball against UW-Superior's Greg Roeder. UW-Stout won the game 63-54.



Layne Pitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout junior guard Jerrel Enerson-Matthews takes a jump shot against a potent UW-Superior defense. Enerson-Matthews ended the game with 11 point and 11 rebounds.

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The game would eventually be pushed into a second overtime. UW-Stout took a brief lead in the second overtime on the heels of an early bucket by Enerson-Matthews, but things stayed tight until the end of the second overtime period. Trailing by two points, the ball was placed in the hands of the Blue Devils' most prolific scorer, Enerson-Matthews.

With time winding down, Enerson-Matthews launched a three-pointer that hit every part of the hoop except for the inside of the net, and the Blue Devils were forced to stomach yet another heartbreaking loss 80-78. Buchholtz led all UW-Stout scorers with a career high 24 points, while Enerson-Matthews added 22. Thomas recorded his second straight double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. It was his third of the season.

UW-Stout had no answer for Titans' senior forward Dane Seckar-Anderson, who exploded for 35 points in the double overtime affair. UW-Stout is currently the WIAC leader in rebounds, blocks, and steals. These statistics have not translated into the win column for the team with a record of 7-12 with only one win in conference play.

Next up on the schedule, UW-Stout will head out on the road again to face third ranked University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Smooth skating continues as tourney approaches

Last seven games all productive as the UW-Stout hockey team wins five and tie two

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the second half of the season rolls on, the men's hockey team continues its consistent and competitive style of play. Maintaining this high level of performance is especially crucial during this time of the season, where each win gives the Blue Devils a better opportunity to seize the highest possible seed in this year's National Collegiate Athletic Association hockey tournament.

After breezing past St. Mary's University by a score of 18-2 over two games, and just scraping by the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the University of Wisconsin-Stout faced the two most significant games affecting the outcome of its season.

Conference leaders St. Scholastica and the University of Wisconsin-Superior played host to UW-Stout on Friday, Jan. 23 and Saturday, Jan. 24 respectively.

Heading into the St. Scholastica contest, the Saints were ranked second in the Division III rankings with UW-Stout claiming the seventh spot.

What started off as a back-and-forth game ended as a defensive stalemate over the final two periods of play, which became the Blue Devils' first overtime period of the 2008-09 season.

While the 2-2 tie didn't bring UW-Stout any closer to the top of the conference standings it also didn't distance them from the leader of the pack.

The following night had all of the makings for another classic.

The settings were the same and coincidentally so was the outcome of the game: a second consecutive 2-2 tie.

The Yellowjackets hold the top spot in the Division III polls, so for the second night in a row, the Blue Devils needed to be at the top of their game if they were to have a chance against another stellar opponent.

With a fairly even game that was tied 1-1 heading into the middle of the third period, the Yellowjackets dealt a crushing blow to the hopes of the Blue Devils as Eric Bausano flicked a shot toward the back of the net that gave UW-Superior a 2-1 lead with 10 minutes to play.



Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
UW-Stout senior goaltender, Matt Koenig, stops an opposing UW-Stevens Point shot. In sixty minutes of play Koenig had 17 saves.

As the final minutes began to shed off the clock, a sense of desperation came over the UW-Stout bench, but in this desperation the Blue Devils showed they had the cooler heads.

In order to apply more pressure to the UW-Superior goalie, Coach Watkins made the decision to pull goalie Matt Koenig in favor of an extra scorer, and the strategy worked to perfection. As a rebound shot at

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Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
The Blue Devils hockey team displayed their offensive arsenal as they scored a goal in each period.

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tempt by Andy Sternberg went wide, it was recovered by Joel Gaulrapp from behind the net and tossed to Derek Hanson and then sent to Scott Motz who had only one intention. Motz converted the game tying goal with 27 seconds remaining on the clock. For the remainder of regulation and the duration of overtime, the Blue Devils battled their way to their second 2-2 tie.

After the weekend in the Lake Superior bay area, a well needed rest was definitely needed after the hard-fought battles UW-Stout faced in the past two games.

With a solid five day rest, the team was skating fresh again and ready for a shot at another victory. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire would provide that shot.

While this game may have lacked the nail-biting thrilling edge that the previous two games had, UW-Stout treated it just like any other game and took care of business with a commanding 3-1 victory. Junior Joel Gaulrapp continued his impressive season with a game-icing goal in the third.

In their previous match-up with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in mid-November, the Blue Devils recorded one of the most impressive wins in the history of the program.

Facing a 3-0 deficit in the middle of the second, the team flipped the switch and scored four unanswered goals to complete the comeback in a 4-3 victory. Aware of the caliber opponent that shared the Dunn Co. Ice Arena with them that night, UW-Stout knew it had to keep its head on a swivel in order to avoid facing such a deep hole for the second time this year.

The switch that was flipped midway through its first match up was on for the entire game this time around. Even though the Pointers led 3-2 in the second period, the intensity was there to give the fans and the players the hope of a favorable outcome. Paul Henderson and David Larson were a big part of this turnaround as they took turns scoring goals off of each other's passes and give UW-Stout a 4-3 lead that it would not relinquish for the duration of the game.



Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
UW-Stevens Point Goaltender, Thomas Speer, had a rough night as the UW-Stout Blue Devils defeated UW-Stevens Point 6-3.

In the third period the Blue Devils were able to tack on a couple insurance goals for a final score of 6-3. With this victory, UW-Stout is assured a home game in the upcoming tournament. With three games remaining against Lake Forest, UW-River Falls and St. Norberts, the chance to win out the season is very much within reach for UW-Stout as long as they are able to provide competitive hockey each night they take the ice. If the Blue Devils are able to finish the season on a five game win streak, the momentum will be purely on their side as they look to ride deep into the tourney with their sights set on the throne of Division III hockey.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball

Record: 7-13 (1-10 WIAC)

The Blue Devils men's basketball team has shown much improvement recently, winning two of its last four games. One of the two games was a heartbreaking loss to UW-Oshkosh on Jan. 31, losing 80-78 in the second overtime. UW-Stout junior Jerrel Enerson-Matthews hand the potential game-winning three-point shot in the last seconds of the game. The ball hit the rim, rolled around and just when it looked like it was going to drop in, it fell out. The Blue Devils hope to improve their record as they play against UW-Whitewater on Feb. 7.

Next game: (Away) against UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m.

Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 15-5-2

Staying true to form, the UW-Stout hockey team has been on a hot streak lately, winning five of its last seven games and tying the other two. UW-Stout senior goalie, Matt Koenig, has been playing very well recently and was named the NCHA player of the week. Against St. Mary's, St. Scholastica and UW-Superior Koenig tallied 91 saves and had a save percentage of .958 and only allowed four goals. His recent performance has allowed the Blue Devils to come away with 10 wins in their last 13 games.

Next game: (Away) against Lake Forest on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Record: 12-8 (7-4 WIAC)

The UW-Stout women's basketball team has turned a three-game slump into a recent four-game winning streak, defeating UW-Superior, UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point. UW-Stout's Julia Hirssig scored 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds. It was her final three-points of the game that proved to be the most crucial as she made the game-winning basket with two seconds left on the clock. She then hit a free throw to seal the deal, putting the Blue Devils up by three. UW-Stout beat UW-Oshkosh 66-63.

Next game: (Away) against UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 3 p.m.

Women's basketball team on a four-game winning streak, Men's basketball wins their first conference game, Men's hockey continues their domination as they win five of their last seven and tie two.

The 2009 Super Bowl was a game for the ages

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

With the usual amount of hype that surrounds the two weeks preceding the Super Bowl, this is the first year in recent memory where one team was never given a chance to win a post-season game until they reached the highest stage of professional football. The Arizona Cardinals had been dubbed "the worst playoff team in history" and had been given little to no chance to win even when they were the first team to clinch a spot in the 2008 playoffs.

What is even more discouraging if you are the Cardinals and you have reached this echelon, is that the odds makers and bookies in Las Vegas had favored eight teams over you to go to the Super Bowl.

Eight teams that lost in the playoffs were given a better shot to win the Super Bowl than the Cardinals. Luckily for the owners of the Arizona franchise, all the hot air that is emitted from the mouths of sports fans had no effect on the outcome of the game; it was the players who determined the result.

The Cardinals were highlighted by their offensive attack that featured Super Bowl XXXIV Most Valuable Player, Kurt Warner, as the starting quarterback. At his disposal were two wide receivers of the highest caliber, Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin. The two act as such an effective duo because of the attention they demand from opposing defenses, you double cover one while leaving the other free to sprint to the end zone, the closest thing possible to a double-edged sword on the gridiron.

Their opponent, the Pittsburgh Steelers, were able to reach this game by playing suffocating defense the entire course of the season and sticking to the hard-nose style of play that has been associated with the Steelers franchise over the course of its existence in the Steel City.

Their defense is headlined with the 2008 National Football League Defensive Player of the Year, James Harrison, who is upholding the proud tradition of being a Steelers linebacker. He follows in the wake of such greats like Jack Lambert, Jack Ham, Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd.

For the first two quarters of action, the Steelers seemed to be in relative control of the potent offensive attack of Arizona.

Larry Fitzgerald had been dominant all postseason and looked to continue his streak of supremacy but ran into the Steel Curtain during the first half as he was limited to one catch for 12 yards. The Steelers led 10-7 with 18 seconds left until halftime, the Cardinals were in prime position to score as they were on the Steelers two-yard line.

Warner dropped back and tried to hit Boldin on an inside slant, but Harrison proved why he was honored as the top defensive player in the NFL as he stepped right in front of the Warner pass and rumbled his way 100 yards for a touchdown, the longest play in Superbowl history.

With a 17-7 lead at the half, it appeared the Steelers would ride that defense to their sixth world title.

The third quarter slowly melted away and here the Cardinals stood, down 20-7 with only 15 minutes left in their football season. If this was going to be the last game of Warner's storied career, he would make sure he went out a winner or went out fighting with every last bit of will he had.

If the first half was the side of the spectrum in which Larry Fitzgerald couldn't get open, the second half was the polar opposite. He and Warner began to hook up at the right place and the right time and these connections led to six points as Fitzgerald skied up for a beautiful jump ball grab that trimmed the Steelers' lead to six points.

After trading possessions, Cardinals punter Ben Graham helped his team out in a big way by pinning the Steelers deep at their own one-yard line.

It appeared they got out of the jam as Ben Roethlisberger hooked up with Santonio Holmes on a third and long but a late flag came in for holding in the end zone by the Steelers. The Cardinals were awarded two points for the safety.

With 2:47 remaining in the game and the score at 20-16, Arizona was in prime position to take its first lead of the game at the time it mattered most. After getting the ball back following the safety, Kurt Warner got things going in a very fast way that would make NASCAR green with envy.

Just 10 seconds after getting the ball back, Warner found Fitzgerald on a post route and hit him perfectly in stride and allowed the All-Pro wide-out to do the rest as he outran the entire Steelers defense en route to a 64-yard touchdown and the first lead of the game for his team.

Witnessing the late game magic by Warner must have inspired Roethlisberger as he led the drive of a lifetime that ended with a Santonio Holmes touchdown catch in the deep right corner of the end zone that displayed excellent hand and body control on Holmes' part. It was his fourth catch on the drive and his ninth for the day.

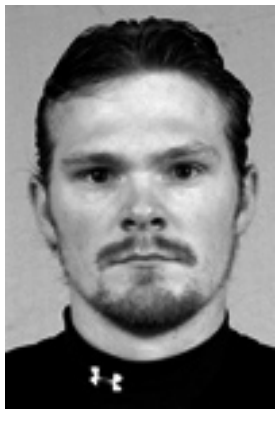
Those catches earned him 131 yards, a touchdown and Super Bowl XLIII MVP honors.



Matt Koenig

This six-foot one-inch senior goalie from Lakeland, Minn. is a business major. In his spare time he enjoys fishing and boating. In 2007 Koenig saw action in 11 games and posted a record of 6-0-1. Koenig was recently named the NCHA player of the week after a strong effort over three games against St. Mary's, St. Scholastica and UW-Superior. In the three games he tallied 91 total saves and protected ties against the second-ranked St. Scholastica and the third ranked UW-Superior. Koenig had 17 saves and no goals allowed over two periods against St. Mary's. UW-Stout won the game 6-1. In that week alone, Koenig made 91 total saves, had a save percentage of .958 and only allowed four goals. Thus for this season Koenig has an 11-4-2 overall record with a GAA of 2.44 and a 9.26 saves percentage.

The UW-Stout hockey team will play against Lake Forest in Lake Forest, Ill. on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.



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  MSC

- How to find Co-op/Internship Workshop
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Friday, February 6

- "Back to the '80s" Dance
  8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
  Great Hall, MSC

Saturday, February 7

- Rail Jam: Ski and Snowboard Competition
  Cost: $3 unlimited open ride, $5 to compete
  10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Multipurpose Field, Menomonie

Monday, February 9

- Art Open House
  3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  Provost's Office Conference Room, Administration Building

Tuesday, February 10

- How to Prepare for Career Fairs Workshop
  10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

- Lead Climbing Class
  Cost: $5 non-members, free to members
  7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
  Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, February 11

- Interviewing Workshop
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Thursday, February 12

- Resume and Letter Writing Workshop
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Saturday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 17

- Lake Menomin Pond Hockey Tournament
  8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Lake Menomin Pond, Menomonie

- How to find Co-op/Internship Workshop
  10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, February 18

- Job Searching Strategy
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Entertainment

Thursday, February 5

- Daughters of the Sun with Andrew Broder from Fog
  8 p.m.
  The Underground, MSC

Friday, February 6

- Jessica Jarus
  7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie

- Claudia Schmidt & Kevin Kling "The Terminal Wonder Dialogue"
  Cost: $18 adults, $16 senior/student, $6 children
  8 p.m.
  Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, February 7

- Karen Savoca & Pete Heitzman
  Cost: $18 adults, $16 senior/student, $6 children
  8 p.m.
  Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Thursday, February 12

- Children 18:3 with Aiming for Aurora
  8 p.m.
  The Underground, MSC

Friday, February 13

- James Bond: Quantum of Solace
  7 p.m.
  Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, February 18

- Chad Daniels – comedian
  8 p.m.
  Terrace, MSC

Athletics

Friday, February 6

- Gymnastics vs. UW-Whitewater
  6 p.m.
  Menomonie

- Hockey at Lake Forest
  7:30 p.m.
  Lake Forest, Ill.

Saturday, February 7

- Men's and Women's Track and Field at Border Battle
  Noon
  Superior, Wis.

- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater
  Men's: 1 p.m., Women's: 3 p.m.
  Whitewater, Wis.

- Hockey at St. Norbert
  7 p.m.
  Green Bay, Wis.

Wednesday, February 11

- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-Superior
  7 p.m.
  Men's: Superior, WI and Women's: Menomonie, Wis.

Friday, February 13

- Men's and Women's Track and Field at UW-River Falls Open
  3 p.m.
  River Falls, Wis.

- Gymnastics at University of Arizona
  7 p.m.
  Tucson, Ariz.

- Hockey vs. UW-River Falls
  7:30 p.m.
  Menomonie, Wis.

Saturday, February 14

- Men's and Women's Track and Field at UW-River Falls Open
  11 a.m.
  River Falls, Wis.

- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse
  Men's: 3 p.m., Women's: 5 p.m.
  Menomonie, Wis.

Wednesday, February 18

- Men's and Women's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls
  7 p.m.
  Men's: Menomonie, WI and Women's: River Falls, Wis.



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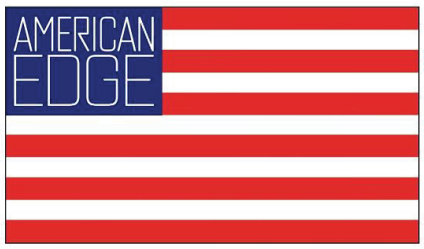
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	$255	$255	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	702 4th Street	$295	$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	EA
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$370	$370	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	8
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	6
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$300	$150	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	6
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	A
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	8
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	8
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	8
2	1	1502 10th Street	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	D
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$545	$273	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	3
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	3
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	D
3	1	915 Main Street	$540	$180	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D

BR	BA	Address	E/U	P/P	E/U	P/P	Description	TYPE
1	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
1	1	414 14th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
2	1	121 12th Avenue West	$685	$171	$860	$215	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
1	1	309 14th Avenue West	$700	$175	$880	$220	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
1	1	1319 8th Street	$750	$188	$930	$233	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
2	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
1	1	414 14th Avenue #1	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #3	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
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1	1	414 14th Avenue #6	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #7	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	414 14th Avenue #8	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
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3	1	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
3	1	2006 5th Street #C	$1,000	$200	$1,250	$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
3	1	504 10th Street	$800	$133	$1,080	$180	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
3	1	115 17th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,280	$213	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
3	1	415 13th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,250	$208	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
3	1	1321 9th Street	$1,100	$183	$1,400	$233	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
4	1	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
4	1	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
4	1	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
4	1	408 18th Avenue East	$1,200	$200	$1,500	$250	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
3	1	1321 2nd Street West	$980	$140	$1240	$177	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
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Dean of Students, Joan Thomas, right, and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life Services, Phil Lyons, got their "just desserts" on the evening of Feb. 18 in the Terrace of the Memorial Student Center.
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Cover by Jeremy Nelson
The two administrators volunteered to represent the faculty and staff team who lost to the student team during the fall semester's Food Fight competition — an effort to raise money and food items for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Students won the campus wide food fight by more than 1,000 points and resulted in 657.7 pounds of food and $545 in cash contributions collected from students, faculty and staff.

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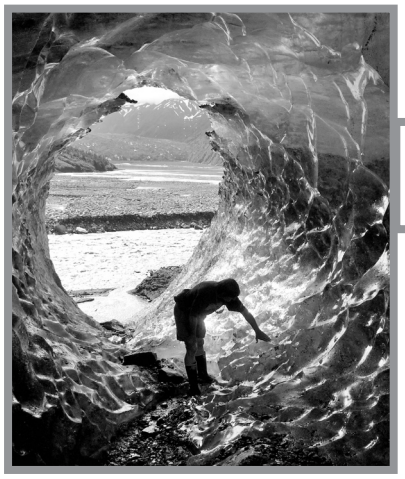








Alaska bound













Who: Students can register for a wilderness photography course and receive 3 undergraduate or graduate credits on the trip. Or they can just go on the trip!

What: Day hikes, Childs Glacier trip, boat tour, train tour, flight seeing, white water rafting and a bus tour through Denali National Park.

Where: Anchorage, Cordova, Whittier, Talkeetna and Denali National Park, Ala.

When: June 14-28

How: Sign up at Stout Adventures in room 54 of the Sports and Fitness Center

Cost: $2,980 (plus airfare to Anchorage)

Spots available: 16

Deadline to sign up: April 1

Photos of previous trips to Alaska contributed by Tim Mertz.

Stout students get school credit option on wilderness vacation

Danielle Olson
News Editor

"There will be around 21 to 22 hours of daylight in Alaska during the 15 days we will be on the trip," said Tim Mertz, the assistant director of University Recreation.

From June 14-28, students have the option of spending two weeks in Alaska for credit, or just for fun. "We took this trip last year, but this is the first time students have the option of receiving credit on the trip," explained Mertz. "Students can register for three undergraduate or graduate credits while taking Wilderness Photography on the trip."

"I'm excited for this year because there will be three instructors going on the trip," said Mertz. "That means we can be doing three different activities every day, depending on what the students wish to do."

"We plan on going to Childs Glacier, which is where the majority of our salmon supply comes from, we will spend three days sea kayaking and go on a 20,000 feet flight seeing tour where we can photograph North America's tallest mountain," said Mertz.

"We chose to have the students buy their own airfare because then they will have the option of going early or staying late," said Mertz. "When we are not camping, we will be staying in hostels and adventure lodges."



Green to the last drop

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

A partnership between the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dining Service and Bookstore is providing students and faculty with a sustainable discount.

According to Diane MacEachern, writer of "The Green Purse," Americans discarded 14.4 billion disposable paper cups in 2005. This number is expected to rise to 23 billion by next year.

To combat this growing problem, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dining Service (UDS) and Bookstore are teaming up on the Reusable Mug Program.

This program provides students who purchase a beverage container from the University Bookstore a first free fill and a 10 cent discount on future fill-ups at any UDS dining location.

Ann Thies, UDS Director, said the program "encourages the use of refillables which reduces the amount of waste in garbage… and it reduces the amount of inventory of paper product needed to be stored."

Thies says the program also "demonstrates to the campus community that UDS does care about the environment as well as serving the customer multiple choices."

What many students do not know is that UDS already accepts refillable containers at its locations and they don't have to necessarily be purchased from the University Bookstore. According to Theis, "The bottle size should be estimated in ounces by our cashiers and the customer should be charged for the product and then a 10 cent discount applied."

The Reusable Mug program, which has been in place since 1985, gives the UW-Stout body a great opportunity to go green and save a little green too.



Toby Zingrone/Stoutonia

UW-Stout's refillable mug program allows students to purchase a mug at the University Bookstore for a first free fill-up and a 10 cent discount on all future fill-ups.

Free energy fair for students

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The Fillmore Soil and Energy Water Conservation District is holding an Energy Fair at noon on Feb. 28 in Lanesboro, Minn.

University of Wisconsin-Stout students are invited to attend the fair for free. The fair will feature sessions on bio-fuel production and use, wind, solar and energy conservation and a keynote address from architect Sarah Nettleton titled, "Carbon Neutral: How can we all be part of the solution?" Following the sessions, a free dinner will be served of local foods.

Transportation to and from the event must be arranged by students. For more information, contact Glendali Rodriguez at rodriguezg@uwstout.edu or 232-1522 by Friday, Feb. 20.

Recyclemania events of the season

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The return of RecycleMania brings events for the student body to UW-Stout

RecycleMania, the national collegiate recycling competition is back on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. This competition, sponsored by Biology 111 students, GreenSense and other organizations challenges colleges across the competition to recycle the most for the title of Grand Champion.

From now until March 25, students are encouraged to recycle and minimize their waste through various events. There will be recycling floor wars in the dorms, pitting floors against each other to recycle the most items for the glory of various prizes. There will also be RecycleMania booths and activities at sporting events. New recycling bins will also be set up in Harvey Hall and the Applied Arts building so BIO-111 students can tally the amount of materials students recycle.

Mark your calenders:

Feb. 16-20
Floor Wars in Tustison-Oetting

Feb. 23-27
Floor Wars in Curran-Kranzusch and South Hall

March 2-6
Floor Wars in Jeter-Tainter-Callaghan and Wigen Hall

March 9-13
Floor Wars in Antrim-Froggatt-McCalmont and Milnes-Chinnock

March 23-27
Floor Wars in North Hall

Look for Recyclemania at these sporting events:

Fri., Feb. 13 7:30 p.m.
UW-Stout Hockey vs. River Falls

Wed., Feb. 18 7-9 p.m.
UW-Stout Men's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls

Sat., Feb. 21 3-5 p.m.
UW-Stout Men's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire

Sat,. Feb. 21 5-7 p.m.
UW-Stout Women's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire

Fri., Feb. 27 6-8 p.m.
UW-Stout Gymnastics vs. Hamline University

Sat., Feb. 28 12:01a.m.-11:59 p.m.
WIAC Indoor T&F Conference Championships

Sun., March 1 12:01 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
WIAC Indoor T&F Conference Championships

Sun., March1 12:01a.m.-11:59 p.m.
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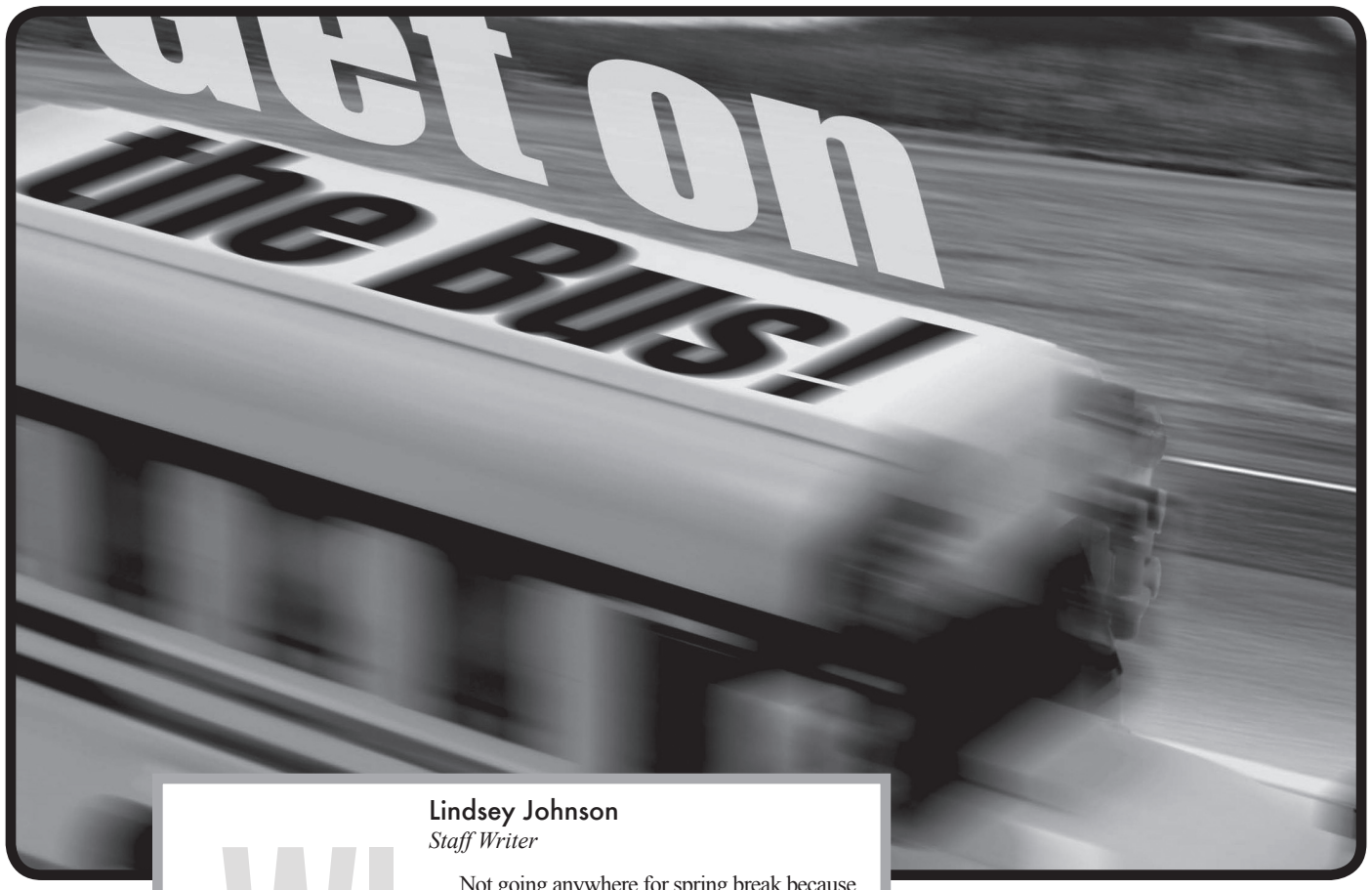
Fri., March 6 7-8 p.m.
UW-Stout Figure Skating Show (End of Year)

Sat., March 14 7 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Special Olympics Basketball/Gymnastics Tourney

Tues., March 24 2-7 p.m.
UW-Stout Track & Field/Stout High School Open

Fri., March 27 2-10 p.m.
UW-Stout Track & Field/Blue Devil High School Open

TRAVELING THROUGH HISTORTY



Contributed photo

WI ND SD MN

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

Not going anywhere for spring break because you don't seem to have the cash? Many students are not aware of the bus tour being presenting by the Ally Center. This trip is not only affordable for students, but also educational. The trip costs $420 for faculty, staff and the community and only $300 for students. This includes transportation, lodging, tours, presentations, materials, all breakfasts and two dinners.

Starting in Dunn County, the bus will take up to 47 students to Milwaukee for the 40th anniversary of an African Dance performance by the Ko-Thi of Milwaukee. The Ko-Thi Dance Company is a magnificent display of traditional instruments, authentic costumes and music to dance to educate the culture. The Ko-Thi performance is located at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts at the Mainstage Theatre.

From there, the bus travels to Mankato, Minn. for the Tour of the Dakota Uprising, then to Willmar, Minn. to hear from the last of the Willmar 8, Doris Boshart, about her experiences in the Women's equal-pay movement. As one of the pioneers of this movement, we hope to walk away from this speech with further knowledge of what is was like to be looked down upon and treated improperly for being a certain gender. From there, the bus will go to St. Cloud, making two other stops before ending back in Menomonie.

Stopping to eat lunch on the road, the trip includes two dinner meals in which the group will come together and have a discussion about the day's events. This is an excellent way to get out of Menomonie for break and learn about the little-known history of the surrounding areas. Contact Jessica Padellford for more information at padellfordj@uwstout.edu.

The **places** you'll go...

The tour will make stops at historical landmarks such as:

...Various Dakota Uprising **landmarks**

...The Wisconsin **Black Historical Museum**. (Includes a tour of a 21-year existing Historical Society Museum of Wisconsin's African American history.)

...The traveling exhibition ***381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story*** tells a story of the men and women whose non-violent advance into political and social change matured to help gain equality for all.

--This exhibition is dedicated to the progress of Rosa Parks. ***"A pebble cast in the segregated waters of Montgomery, Ala., created a human rights tidal wave that changed America . . . And it all started on a bus."*** - Fred Gray, attorney for Browder v. Gayle who affirmed that racial segregation of public buses was unconstitutional.





Survival

Finding co-ops or internships in this tough economy

Alyssa Antilla
Staff Writer

It's the headlining topic on the news almost every night – more job layoffs and a rising unemployment rate. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate was 7.2 percent during the month of December, with 11.1 million people unemployed.

The high unemployment rate and the publicity the economy has been receiving can make many students uneasy, especially students competing for internships or co-op opportunities.

Interim director of Career Services, Dr. Amy Lane, doesn't feel as though University of Wisconsin-Stout students have much to worry about if they follow some simple guidelines to succeed in finding a co-op/internship in a tough economy.

"If students are flexible and willing to move for different jobs, they will be fine," said Lane. "Students who are looking for a co-op also need to market their high energy and ability to learn when looking for internships."

Lane noted that some employers have been more cautious when it comes to hiring for co-op positions as they are aware of the changing economy.

One of the most important tips Lane gave was encouraging students to start their co-op/ internship search early.

"Students need to start early," said Lane. "We recommend that students start searching now and try to have a co-op set up by spring break." "Students need to be persistent and patient. Networking with others in your profession is important too."

Senior Cody Faschingbauer isn't too concerned about finding a job after graduating. "I haven't done much looking," said Faschinbauer. "If I don't find one I'll just keep working at home."

Faschinbauer is a business administration major and hopes to find a job as a financial analyst, a job that is expected to be in high demand. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts employment for financial analysts will increase by 37 percent in the span between 2006 and 2016. Other careers expected to grow include computer science and math occupations, health practitioners and fields in education (BLS.gov, 2007).

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> -Dr. Amy Lane

Lane suggests students should network with faculty, past employers and current employers as a way to find out what internships and jobs are available in a student's particular field. Students should keep in mind many internship opportunities are not listed online, so extra effort needs to be put into the search.

Next, Lane stressed the importance of having quality materials to present such as a well-developed résumé and cover letter.

"Career Services offers several workshops to help students develop résumés, cover letters, job search skills and interview skills," said Lane. "Our Web site has a lot of good information, too."

For the 2006-2007 school year, UW-Stout had a job placement rate of 95.9 percent and it isn't expected to decrease anytime soon. Lane also estimates that 60 to 65 percent of students receive a full-time or part-time position from participating in a co-op.

"Stout can feel very good about helping students find a job in their career fields," said Lane. "We have advisory boards, industry ties and we are continuing to develop relationships with future student employers."

By setting up a Stout Career Link profile, students can access valuable information such as resume templates, employment search engines, ways to improve interview skills, job postings of possible co-ops/ full time jobs and much more.

Any assistance from Career Services is free of charge and available to UW-Stout students and alumni. Individual appointments with counselors are available for students by calling Career Services at 232-1601.

Upcoming Workshops:

Job Searching
Thursday, Feb. 26 12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10
12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.

How to Find a Co-op/Internship
Wednesday, Feb. 25
10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
Thursday, April 2
2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.

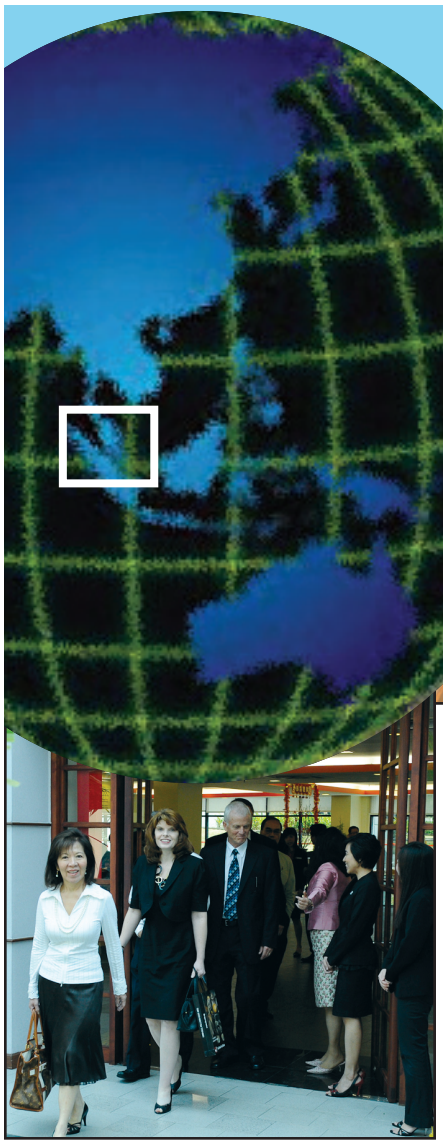
Résumés
Tuesday, Feb. 24
2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4
2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
Thursday, March 26
12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.

Interviewing
Thursday, Feb. 19
2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3
12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11
2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.

All workshops are in the Administration Building Room 103. Sessions last approximately 50 minutes. For more information and dates, stop by Career Services or visit http://www.uwstout.edu/careers/

Internationally recognized

Provost Julie Furst-Bowe invited to the Institute of Technical Education in Singapore







Contributed photos
UW-Stout Provost Julie Furst-Bowe spents several days on ITE campus in Singapore, creating a report about their university's programs in January.

Ali Riehle
Staff Writer

With the acknowledgement of having received the Malcolm Baldrige Award in 2001, the University of Wisconsin-Stout has been recognized as a quality learning institution by universities across the country and world. After UW-Stout received this award, educators and leaders all across the world looked to UW-Stout, searching for the answer to its success.

One group in particular, The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) in Singapore, was extremely impressed by UW-Stout's standards, curriculum and operations. A large group traveled from Singapore to meet with administration, faculty, staff and students of UW-Stout to become familiar with how things worked on campus here, and to get a glimpse of what it takes to win a quality award. ITE invited UW-Stout to be a part of their celebration when they won the quality award in Singapore.

After meeting the group from ITE, UW-Stout's provost, Julie Furst-Bowe, developed a relationship with the people from ITE and continued to communicate with them throughout the many renovations of campus and programs. In 2006, ITE was awarded the Singapore Quality Award for Business Excellence. As planned, Furst-Bowe represented UW-Stout and traveled to Singapore for the celebration of ITE's new honor.

In 2008, ITE planned to have an evaluation taken of their facilities and programs, which they called the "ITE Quality Assurance Framework Site Visit." ITE picked several educators and administrators from around the world to come and evaluate them from Jan. 19-23. Among those educators, Furst-Bowe was again invited to come and take a look at their operations and give them feedback. This was especially a great honor for her, as well as UW-Stout, because she was the only person that was chosen to represent the United States during the visit.

Furst-Bowe spent several days on campus at ITE, the west campus, east campus and central campus. After her visit, she worked on a report to present to ITE, and then finally presented the report. In her presentation, Furst-Bowe communicated to members of ITE its strengths and stated some recommendations for improvements that the institution can still make. "The students are very clean cut," Furst-Bowe said. "They wear uniforms for their majors and are very into U.S. culture." Students at ITE are into American pop-culture and stayed up all night watching the U.S. Inauguration, despite the hour it was aired on television. Another fun part of the trip to Singapore was seeing the ITE students put on a production of "Grease" for the evaluation team, which Furst-Bowe thought was quite entertaining and wonderful.

Furst-Bowe explained that although ITE is a two-year program, there are many programs that she could compare to UW-Stout's. The multimedia, graphic design and engineering programs at ITE are just a few of the programs that Furst-Bowe thought shared similarities to the programs at UW-Stout. There was also a program that was close to the hotel, restaurant and tourism management major and the students in that program prepared several elaborate meals for their guests while they were on the ITE campus.

Throughout her stay, Furst-Bowe learned many things and saw many strengths in the programs at ITE that UW-Stout could definitely aim for. "The students were very formal compared to other students I have seen," she said. They have great resources to build skills, experience and portfolios. Furst-Bowe explained that students at ITE learn through "phenomenal labs, which they called 'authentic learning environments.'" For example, a nursing student would work directly with a "patient simulator," and a multimedia student might have a specific environment tailored to their preferences and needs. Another benefit to ITE is that they are able to adopt new programs in eight months, while it might take two years for UW-Stout to go through the process of even adding a major or minor.

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The follow-up to this visit will mean more trips to Singapore for Furst-Bowe. She is in a five-year program with the evaluation team and will travel to different institutions every year that she attends. ITE will not be evaluated for another five years but is constantly striving for continual excellence. As it is a great honor for UW-Stout to be represented in this "Quality Assurance Framework," it is an even greater honor when considering the thousands of other institutions across the country that were not.

Furst-Bowe went to Singapore to help another institution continue their track of excellence. She was invited because several intuitions in Singapore respect what we are doing at UW-Stout and are very proud of the many prestigious awards that we have received for our educational standards. As UW-Stout steps into this new adventure, it is a great time for students, staff and faculty to see all of the recognition that UW-Stout gets nationally, as well as internationally.



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Access Stout gets a facelift

"Students can expect a far more modern and clean look to the program."
-Kay Schnur, Project Manager

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

Access Stout, the software the University of Wisconsin-Stout students use to access their transcripts and register for classes, is undergoing some changes.

Access Stout is part of the Datatel Colleague System. This system maintains student, financial and human resource records. As of fall 2009, UW-Stout will implement the Oracle PeopleSoft Campus Solutions system campus-wide to help students and faculty manage admission, financial and academic advisement records and resources.

Students will begin to use the new PeopleSoft program this April when they register for fall 2009 courses. Kay Schnur, project manager of the transition, said Access Stout will remain the same in name and Web address, but the appearance and a few features will be new.

According to Schnur, students can expect a far more modern and clean look to the program. New features include a class schedule you can print in calendar form and a to-do list to keep track of paperwork you may need to fill out for financial aid or registration. Also, if for any reason students have a hold on their account, the new program will alert users to the cause of the hold and provide them with information on how to remove it.

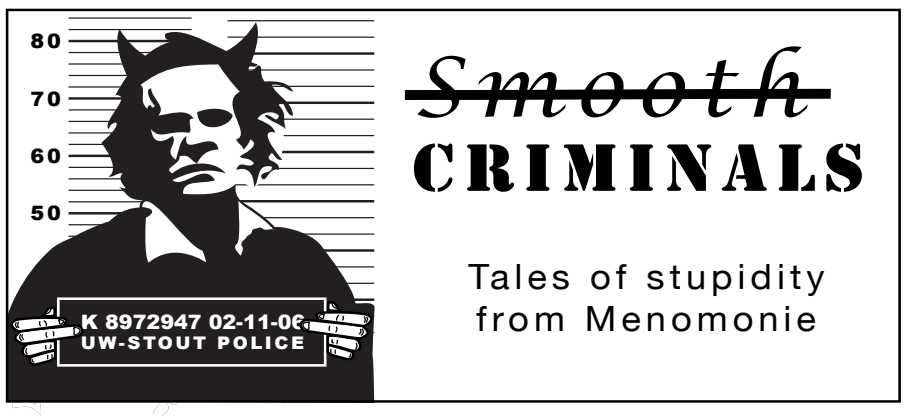
Students will begin to use the new PeopleSoft program this April when they register for fall 2009.

Schnur said the reason for the transition was to be on the same level with other schools in the UW System who have already implemented PeopleSoft. Schnur also noted it is more cost effective for UW schools to use software provided by the same vendor.

Stacie McCormack, a senior in the art education program, is looking forward to the new program. Regarding the current Access Stout menu, McCormack said, "I hate the fact that you have to click on the 'Student' menu on the home page and then actually log in with your name and password on a different page."

Chelsey Weber, a sophomore in retail merchandising, is also looking forward to the changes. Weber hopes the different links for adding and dropping classes have more distinction and are easier to use.

As the transition goes into effect in the upcoming months, Schnur and her team will be implementing student and faculty focus groups to get feedback on the new software. For more information, contact Schnur at schnurk@uwstout.edu or visit the project Web site at http://www3.uwstout.edu/lit/ps/index.cfm.



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

Citations Issued
Jan. 26 – Feb. 8

UAD 1st – 26
UAD 2nd - 1
Possession of Marijuana – 3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 3
Disorderly Conduct - 1
Urinating in Public - 2

This totally beats getting a job!

Jan. 27

Tired of giving your money to The Man? Well, you could always "donate" to a desperate college student! One resident in South hall left his room for only 15 minutes to visit with another student on the floor. He later discovered that someone had snuck in and taken the money from both his and his roommate's wallets. It is just too bad that one's morality is not taken into account during Stout's application process.

But my leg hurts!!

Jan. 27

A student was ticketed after repeatedly parking for long periods of time in the 30-minute space outside of Red Cedar. When questioned, the student stated that they had a sports injury and their coach was working on getting them a better parking permit. Hours do not turn into minutes when you are on crutches.

Hungry? Grab a Snickers.

Jan. 29

A student discovered on her StoutOne bill that someone had made $6.25 worth of purchases without her permission. What would you do with all that cash? Well, you could do what this person did and spend it at the vending machine!

We will make it fit!

Feb. 6

An officer was called to Lot nine because someone had parked so close to a student's car that she was unable to access any of the doors. The offending vehicle was parked past the "no parking" sign and was ticketed.

I always hated South Hall.

Feb. 7

Someone decided to take vengeance on South Hall via marker graffiti. Signs and posters were defaced throughout the building. Hopefully the perpetrator is satisfied and will hold off on another doodle spree until they get off campus housing.

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Death by 40,001 magic brownies

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

As everyone knows, Michael Phelps was busted for pot and just recently issued a statement of apology, more or less, saying that he was stupid. It was done to keep sponsors and get everyone off his back. But to be honest, I would have had more respect for him if he'd just said, "Yeah, I'm a 23-year-old guy who smoked a bong at a party. Can we move on to something else?"

Unfortunately, the fact that this "controversy" of a college-aged person doing – shocker! – what a college-aged person might do to unwind at a party in their spare time is so huge that it just reflects the outdated and hypocritical views our country still holds when it comes to marijuana.

I feel that if marijuana should be banned, then so should alcohol. Let us compare and contrast the two.

First of all, alcohol is more addictive. Quite a bit more. There are 10 million alcoholics in America, with 200,000 new alcoholics each year. The risk of dependence for someone who consumes alcohol is 15 percent. Compare that to marijuana's dependence risk of nine percent. But how do those compare to the rest of the drugs out there? From the most risky to the least, here are your chances of developing a dependence to the drugs listed below:

32 percent chance of addiction to nicotine, 23 percent for heroin, 17 percent for cocaine, 15 percent for alcohol, 11 percent for stimulants, and a mere nine percent for marijuana. (Can someone remind me why pot is illegal?)

What does this mean? It's kind of funny. You have a higher chance of becoming clinically addicted to Mountain Dew and Krispy Kreme (both fortified with stimulants) than you do with weed. So why don't we see commercials that tell us to "just say no" to caffeine or sugar? Maybe for the same reason you don't see episodes of "Intervention" dealing with potheads. Maybe?

Marijuana and alcohol are both classified as drugs, and when we think of drugs, don't we think of bad behavior, like crime and violence? Well, when it comes to violence, marijuana cannot compare with alcohol's effect. Around 90 percent of all assaults, 50-60 percent of all murders and over 50 percent of the rapes and sexual assaults on children are alcohol-related. On college campuses, 90 percent of sexual assaults and rapes are attributed to alcohol. What about pot? Oddly enough, the government's studies all agreed that marijuana has no link with violent behavior, and even admitted that instead of rage, most users will experience "physical relaxation and sedation."

What about getting behind the wheel? The height of irresponsibility is to get into a car and drive while under the influence. But if I had a choice, I'd much, much rather be in a car with someone who's been smoking than drinking. Why? Excluding crime and traffic accidents, alcohol kills over 125,000 people a year. If you want to include traffic accidents, add another 16,000 deaths to that toll, which adds up to alcohol being involved in 37 percent of yearly traffic fatalities. (And this isn't even including those injured (directly or indirectly) by alcohol, which is almost impossible to calculate.)

When analyzing traffic accidents, marijuana is found in the driver's bloodstream a mere 2.5 percent of the time.



Marc Anderson/ Stoutonia

However, this was a flawed study, as 40 percent of those who tested positive for pot also had high blood-alcohol content, and hair tests were used, which can only prove that pot was consumed in the last month, not at the time of the crash. Numerous studies have shown that those who smoke pot and drive actually tend to drive more slowly and carefully.

What about overdosing? You cannot overdose on pot. It's physically impossible. Scientists calculated that the amount of cannabinoids needed to induce an overdose to be 1 in 40,000. This means that in order to die, you would need to smoke 40,000 times as much marijuana as you would need to get stoned. Sadly, it's much easier to overdose on alcohol. As anyone who has barfed from a night of a little too much fun has learned, your body starts to reject alcohol as poison after a certain amount is surpassed. The ratio for alcohol overdose is 1 in 4. Compare that to 1 in 40,000. No one's ever had to get their stomach pumped because they ingested 40,000 "magic" brownies.

There's also this whole "gateway drug" business. Pot is often accused of leading our nation's children to bigger, badder drugs, like cocaine and heroin. This is difficult to answer, since there has shown to be a relationship between using cannabis and using cocaine and heroin. But when dealing with a black-market commodity, you're much more likely to encounter hard drugs, and again, one's basic personality cannot be ignored. Whatever compulsion drives someone to abuse enough pot to the point that it isn't enough anymore isn't unlikely to drive them to start harder drugs.

Marijuana is not physically addictive. Yes, some people can develop a dependence (and it's important to remember that "addiction" and "dependence" are different) on it, but it's a personality thing. Some people have addictive personalities. It's far less likely for someone to become "addicted" to marijuana than it is for them to become addicted to caffeine. (And it's far less dangerous.)

We spend too many of our resources on catching and prosecuting those caught with pot and/or pot paraphernalia. To illustrate this, I have a quiz. Which of the two people in the stories below was issued a ticket for $700? And who will have to pay a $250 ticket?

Person #1 has had a little too much to drink and has come back to the dorms. He's not ready to go to bed and is letting the entire floor know it, as loud as he can. He's being disruptive, unruly and intimidating enough to the point that cops must be called. When informed that the cops are on their way, he punches a table and a door, and still refuses to settle down. He is angry and uncooperative enough that the cops have to be called back after they leave. He is issued a ticket. The RAs are up until 5 a.m. dealing with this kid.

Person #2 has some friends over in her dorm room. They're all being quiet, and someone decides to light a bowl. The marijuana fumes leak out through the door and someone decides to call the cops. She is cooperative and compliant, but is still given a ticket.

Quiz time! Who was given a ticket for $250 and who got a ticket for $700? Person #2, despite quietly staying in her dorm, minding her own business and cooperating with everyone involved, will now have to pay $700. Did I mention that those were both true stories, with two people I know? Can you argue that this amount is proportional to the crime committed?

In the United States in 2007, there were 872,720 marijuana-related arrests, meaning that someone was arrested every 36 seconds. Eighty-nine percent of those were for possession alone – not manufacturing or selling. Also, consider that there were more arrests for marijuana possession than for all violent crimes combined.

Is this not ridiculous? Don't we have better things for our police to be doing, and aren't our prisons too crowded already to be spending all of this time and money on?

And why doesn't anyone see the cash potential here? Replacing marijuana prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation similar to that used for alcoholic beverages would produce combined savings and tax revenues of between $10 billion and $14 billion per year, finds a June 2005 report by Dr. Jeffrey Miron, visiting professor of economics at Harvard University.

So, in conclusion, I feel that the major objections to the legalization of marijuana are unfounded, and, like I said, supporting the illegal status of marijuana is hypocritical if you do not also support alcohol being banned. In the case of Michael Phelps, he's being punished unfairly, but I would like to make one last point: The real victim in this situation was the poor soul who had to take the hit of the bong right after Phelps' "able to inhale twice the normal amount of air a human can take" lungs had been there first.

Universities: are they here for you or themselves?

H. Steeler
UW-Stout student contributor

When you pay tuition, you assume that your money is being used for the purpose of education, right? After all, this is a university and its purpose is to educate and support its students. Why, then, is it that as tuition costs continue to skyrocket that the amount of money the university is spending on each student decreasing?

Simple. A university is a business, and the purpose of a business is to make money. Of course, your professors care about your education, but as you go further up the chain of management, the focus shifts from the students to numbers. The concern at the top isn't for the individual student, but becomes how many students they can get in. More students = more money. Adding only 10 students would generate nearly $80,000 from tuition alone, and could easily exceed $130,000 if housing and dining plans are added.

I'm not trying to say that allowing more students to further their educations is a bad thing, but the reasons and methods some schools are using to increase their enrollment numbers are disconcerting. As schools look to add more students, it isn't possible to enroll students exclusively that meet or exceed their admission standards. So, this means that students are let in with grades and test scores that are below the school's standards. Sure, it's good that more people have the opportunity to further their educations, but the university knows that these students have a higher risk of failing out after a semester or two.

So, why would a university allow students to enter their school if they expect them to fail out? The answer once again goes back to money. These future fail-outs are basically free money for the university. They take a few general education classes, pay thousands in tuition, housing and dining and then leave with nothing but a few credits to their names. Now, you could say that this money is being used to help the remaining students who will stay to get degrees. But is this really the case?

Take the University of Wisconsin-Stout as an example. UW-Stout is currently undertaking several multi-million dollar projects. The science lab remodeling, the MSC renovation, the Price Commons renovation and the future Hovlid renovation and expansion are all projects that are taking place or will take place in the near future. Now, which of these multi-million dollar projects will greatly affect your life? The science wing addition was definitely needed for students to keep up with the industry. The Hovlid Hall project will be necessary since JTC will soon be shut down.

But what about the MSC and Commons renovations? Both buildings are in good shape and their appearances are not unappealing, so why is UW-Stout pouring millions of dollars into these two buildings? It's not for the purpose of improving the life of current students, but maybe they're trying to impress future students who might be considering applying at UW-Stout. Think about it. When you came on your campus visits and tours, which two places did you spend the majority of your time? The MSC and the Commons. If prospective students are spending most of their time in these two buildings, they will easily be impressed by the aesthetics and quality of the campus based only on these two buildings in which they will spend little time if they actually choose to attend UW-Stout.

These projects are not the only wasteful spending that is occurring on campus. Dorms have been purchasing many large flat screen TVs that are going widely unused. The laptop program is good, but it would be far cheaper to buy your own.

Before I go any further off on a rant, I simply believe the campus should spend more money on improving the lives of the students that go here and be less profit-oriented. After all, we are paying to go to school, not to fund a business that is looking to expand. It's just something to think about.

Valentines day | The worst holiday ever created or a day to rethink your perceptions?

Jack Lawrence
UW-Stout student contributor

I sometimes feel like I might be the only person I know without a special part of his brain dedicated to thinking up things to hate about Valentine's Day. I know all the things people say: it's phony, stupid, anti-single, superficial, possibly evil and definitely lame. Men and women alike have bad things to say each Valentine's Day, but do they ever stop and consider that their negativity only makes things worse?

Of course, it's good that people critically think about things and come up with opinions of their own, but so much venom is spat at Valentine's Day each year that the haters take over and become more annoying than the day they hate so much. I'm not saying I really like Valentine's Day all that much myself, but seriously, if you're someone who sends out dumb e-mails asking people to boycott the date, spends all of February 13 complaining and wallowing in self-pity, and then tops it all off with a loud and theatrical meltdown at work, you probably need to chill out and reconsider your tactics. There are smarter, less annoying ways to withhold your support from Valentine's Day. Besides, if your angst stems from being unwillingly single, it might be helpful to note that the vast majority of availables don't exactly go out of their way to meet desperate, bitter, vocally unhappy people who have nothing but bad things to say about a holiday that, in theory, celebrates love itself.

Valentine's Day has come and gone, but it's always good to brush up on your technique for next year (and never good to subject a coworker to long, tearful rants about the lack of excitement in your love life). Keep your chin up and weather the storm!

Tiffany Willits
UW-Stout student contributor

Just to get straight to the point, I believe that Valentine's Day is one of the cheesiest and unnecessary holidays that America has to offer. Valentine's Day is not fun for anyone (I don't care if you have a boyfriend or a girlfriend). It really should be called, "National Single Awareness Day." I have numerous reasons as to why this holiday is dumb, and they are as follows:



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1) Single boys try to get girls the entire week prior to the actual day by talking to girls they may not have spoken to in years.

2) People try too hard to please others (as if flowers are not enough). They can go to extreme levels such as baking (or buying) triple level chocolate cakes, writing poems that don't rhyme and handing out candy that doesn't even taste good (candy hearts).

3) As if I needed one day out of the entire year for someone to confess their love for me (I don't).

4) Walking around and seeing the color red makes me want to run for miles and then hide under a rock.

Valentine's Day is the worst, especially if you are single. However, my point is that love should not be expressed just on Feb. 14, but on every day of the year. I think that all single ladies should unite on Valentine's Day and make man see that they actually have to work for what they want. I'm sorry, men, but chocolate, flowers and cards will not make us women come charging into your arms nor will it make us jump on you, and start kissing and hugging you (no matter how much Burberry Cologne you are wearing). Valentine's Day is just another day on the calendar, and I believe that people should not invest time into planning for this day. Instead, they should go with the flow and whatever happens on this day happens.

The death of the CVPP | and the guilt of the UW-Stout students

A.J. Forst
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In the Dec. 11 issue of the "Stoutonia," the issue of the Campus Violence Prevention Project's funding running out was highlighted in the article "Kicked to the curb - Violence prevention project to end." The main point of the article was summed up in the sentence, "By eliminating this program, a loud and clear message is being sent to those who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking: We don't care."

It isn't the subject of the article against which I will argue, it's the argument itself and the nature of the argument in general. The reason I will dissect this article for its flaws is because the tactics used are becoming more widespread and are just as wrong every time.

The biggest problem was the use of guilt to convert people to the author's way of thinking. Basically, she's saying, "If you don't protest or throw your money at the program, you want women assaulted." Of course, not many people actually want women assaulted.

Guilt was the overriding emotional effect one was supposed to feel when reading the piece, but anger was another. Readers were all supposed to feel anger towards whomever it was who would allow the program's funding to elapse. Now we're supposed to want to go out and protest because we're angry and want to avoid guilt.

Those are the basic elements of the argument. All the elements of the article point a reader into feeling this way, including the use of the CVPP's philosophies ("Encourage men to intervene when they see someone has been or is about to be harmed"), personal stories ("I spoke to a woman who was in need of such a program her freshman year of college"), obvious analogies ("But what if your sister or your best female friend or even your mother were to find herself in such a drastic situation that she does need CVPP"), and combative phrasing ("You personally may not care. That's fine. That's your perogative.").

What's missing, however, are any facts or logic. Does the CVPP actually help anyone? What is the cost-benefit? Who would pay for it to remain in service? Are there better resources? Whose responsibility is it to fund programs like this? Would it make a better charity than a school-funded service?

This is the problem when it comes to such arguments. People feel bad if they don't give money to an organization that can help other people, but that's the only reason they do it – to relieve their own guilt or make themselves feel good. They don't take into account what's important, which is whether or not a program is actually helping the most amount of people with the fewest amount of resources. Also, when people do feel guilty enough to give their money to anyone who tells a story that can bring a tear to the eye, frivolous programs are developed which waste resources that can be better used elsewhere.

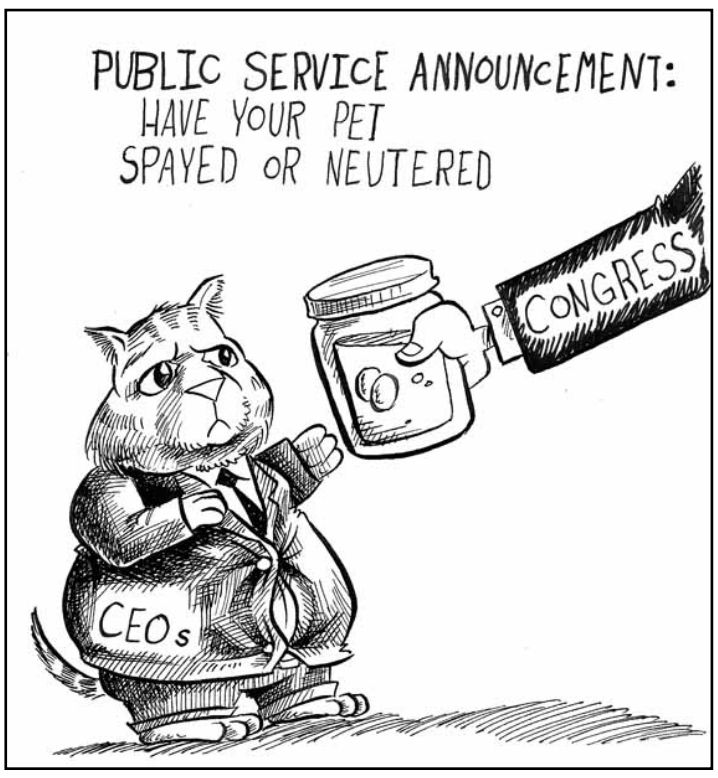
What we should look at when contemplating the continuance of the CVPP and how and whether it should stay open is if it is actually helping people. After that, who should pay for it? Grant money? The students? Should students be forced to pay for such services through student fees?

My other argument is that the CVPP would make a better charity than a student fee-funded organization, as well as all other organizations like it. Nobody should be forced to pay for something at college that doesn't directly benefit education. Saying this, if the CVPP is doing a good job at what it does, the students should be given the option to help fund it, and I would recommend they do so, because like the author said, women should be given a place to go to when they face such situations. But students should also be given the freedom to do what they will with their money.

Someone will argue that nobody will give their money to these types of organizations unless they are forced to, and then we will have a lack of good resources for people who need them, but there are many examples of thriving charities. People like to support the less fortunate. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Salvation Army continue to help those in need because of generous people. What would need to be done is make it as easy as possible for students to donate to organizations they see as worthy of their money, because there are many that aren't. It's argued that men wouldn't understand the need for the CVPP, but with proper marketing, they will see that their female friends and loved ones need resources in case something unfortunate should happen to them.

The point is, stop trying to make people feel guilty just to help a cause. By doing this, people's thinking is skewed away from the facts towards the person who tells the best sob story. There are many charities worthy of support and they're often not the same ones who tell the saddest stories, they're the ones who use what resources they have to do the greatest amount of good. Also, students don't need any more of their money forcibly taken from them through student fees. Almost everyone at this college is a legal adult and should have the right to support the causes they find most worthy.

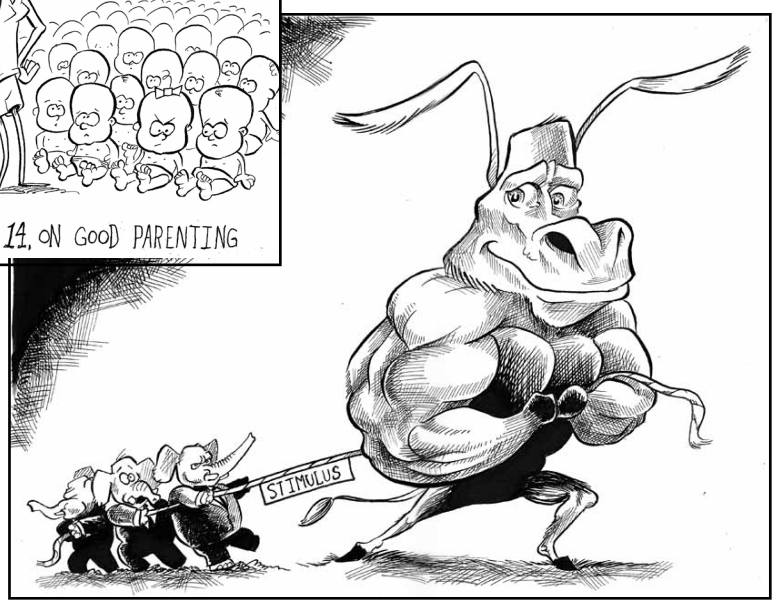
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Retail students gain valuable store insight

Tara Williams
Staff Writer

It was a perfect day Feb. 6 for retail students to drive the three-hour trip to Duluth, Minn. to visit Maurice's corporate offices. Planned by the Stout Retail Association, eight women and the SRA advisor, Dr. Nancy Murray, toured the offices, which Barb Olson, Maurice's New Store Recruiter, hosted for the women.

Starting out in Maurice's lounge, lunch was provided and several employees from the corporate team introduced themselves and the department they worked for. Barb Olson, along with a recent University of Wisconsin–Stout retail graduate, Dyana Cottingham, were among the employees who presented themselves. After lunch, there was a short presentation, followed by a tour of the departments in the three buildings.



Photo contributed by Dr. Nancy Murray/ University of Wisconsin-Stout
Pictured left to right: Chantel Eischen, Nicole Fortuna and Jessica Wiese

The main home office building of Maurice's corporate offices housed the first Maurice's retail store, but has been replaced by the buying departments. This is where most of the tour took place, but it began in the second building where a mock store is set up for the Visual Merchandising department. The mock storeroom was presented by Matthew Birong, Visual Experience Manager, who gave a description of his position and his department's position within the company. The visual team has decided that a remodel is in order for many of the stores with new store décor that would look more like a boutique then a regular store.



Photo contributed by Dr. Nancy Murray/ University of Wisconsin-Stout
Pictured above: Top row from left to right: Dyana Cottingham, Barb Olson, Allie Siebell, Jessica Wiese, Nicole Fortuna, Katrina Zahler and Dr. Nancy Murray. Bottom row from left to right: Jessie Freitag, Tara Williams, Chantel Eischen and Aubrey Hrubeay

After the meeting with visual, there was a walk-through of the Wall of Fame and Shame, which displayed the best and the worst merchandise of the season for each department. The group was then taken into a room near the buying offices to speak with a team of buyers, the Fit department and the Quality Analysis department. Barb Olson who spoke about opportunities within the company through internships and recruiting.

Maurice's is a small town specialty store that targets two types of markets. "Katie" is the younger, tween market who wants to feel more grown up while being herself. "Kate" is the older market for college students to adults who wants to feel and look younger while keeping her own style. Maurice's decided to replace its menswear with women's plus sizes 14 – 24. This has been a decision that changed the image of Maurice's, but kept its brand loyalty with its customers. This is seen in the way that Maurice's is still growing strong. It will be opening about 50 new stores in 2009.

This was an opportunity that the retail students thought was definitely worth experiencing. A trip like this is just part of the many activities that Stout Retail Association participates in. The SRA also has speakers come to meetings from retail companies to share their experiences, and has meetings to learn more about internships and study abroad opportunities. Stout Retail Association meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Applied Arts building. It is a great way to meet other students in the retail major and helps students to get a better understanding of the retail world.

Spring break | The most fun a student can have in the spring time

Kitty Cotten
Staff Writer

Spring break is a time to relax, have fun and hopefully be enjoying warm, sun-drenched weather. Here is a list filled with spring break must-haves that you may not have thought to bring, but should.

❀ **Headbands** ❀

Thank you CW's "Gossip Girl" for this trend! The headband is a simple and effortless way to take saltwater-infused beach hair to "going out on the town" hair. Headbands are taking a variety of forms this spring, from sleek and skinny to festively-decorated. For a quick party look, gently tease hair at the crown, sweeping it back into a low, messy bun and then top with the headband of your choice.

❀ **One-Step Makeup Remover** ❀

After a long, fun-filled night, it is crucial not to forget the before-bed ritual of washing your face. Makeup-dissolving, facial cleansing wipes are essential to keeping your skin looking flawless and fresh. Just rip open the package, grab a wipe and dispose when finished.

❀ **Hair Sunscreen** ❀

Sunscreen is typically thought of as only applied to the skin, but you can't forget about your locks. UV protection is the foundation of any hair style. It protects your mane from the hazards of combing, heat styling and sun damage.

❀ **Multi-Strap Heels** ❀

Multi-strap heels are stomping down runways all over this spring and were a shoe staple in the "Sex and the City" movie. These shoes are most often seen in the classic black, but come in a variety of playful colors. Multi-strap heels are flattering on all body types. They jazz up any classic sundress.

❀ **Anti-Shine Gel** ❀

Creating a shine-free foundation for makeup can be the key to preventing the gleaming T-zone later. No one wants to look like a shiny disco ball in their photos. Look for an anti-shine face gel that is applied before facial lotion and makeup. This will keep your face matte and gorgeous all day and night.

❀ **Citrus Colors** ❀

Think produce: bright oranges, vibrant yellows, electric greens. Rev-up your wardrobe this spring break to include bold citrus colors. A bright clutch or headband can be a simple step for the color-shocked. Color enthusiasts, pick up a playful sundress, bold wedges or colorful skinny jeans to put this trend into action.

❀ **Instant Eye Wakeup** ❀

Your face carries the first signs of a hard night out, especially your eyes. Throw a couple spoons into your bag and toss them into the mini-fridge freezer when you arrive at your destination. The chilled spoons can be placed over your eyes to instantly wake them up and reduce any swollen or puffy spots. No freezer? Fill your room's ice bucket with ice and submerge the spoons until chilled.

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Thursday, Feb. 26
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Saturday, Feb. 28
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Friday, Feb. 20
Cornmeal with Roster McCabe & Evergreen
10 p.m. $6

Sunday, Feb. 22
Larger than life Oscar party on the big screen
6 p.m. no cover

Friday, Feb. 27
P.O.S. & Doomtree
Doors open at 8 p.m., show at 9:30
Tickets $10 advcanced, $12 at gate

Saturday, Feb. 28
Herbal T& NB + 80s Dance Party

Live music at Off-Broadway

Saturday, Feb. 21
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Kaptivating Kate
and Sign of the Times
9:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, Feb. 24

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I Have Hands

Tuesday, March 3

The Prodigy
Invaders Must Die

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Communion

U2
No Line On The Horizon

The Niche | Welcoming students to a World of Good

Emily Janssen
Staff Writer

At 8:58 a.m. on Feb. 9, the sliding glass doors of The Niche opened for the first time this spring semester and a flood of students were welcomed in with a big Styrofoam cup of fresh, hot coffee and a pink frosted heart-shaped cookie. Signs boasting, "Free Cookies, Free Juice, Free Coffee" and Valentine's Day-themed red and pink balloons placed strategically around campus enticed students to stop by to catch a free caffeine and sugar buzz and try their luck in a raffle drawing before class. The grand re-opening of the on-campus boutique, put on by a class of retail merchandising and management students, was not an event to miss.

The second floor of the Home Economics building is a great location for attracting students that frequent the building for various classes, but this semester The Niche expects to capture the attention of students and staff members from all programs who may not have ever stepped foot into the brightly lit retailing atmosphere.

The Niche is bringing a variety of new product concepts to campus which will appeal to this broader customer base. Jeana Marshik, a Niche accessories buyer, grabbed her little brown purchase bag, enthusiastically claiming, "I've been staring at these products since the day I laid eyes on them at market. I bought two necklaces and a pair of underwear!"

Another new product concept is eco-friendly apparel. "For the first time we are trying organic cotton T-shirts," reported Lisa Wilke, Apparel Buyer at The Niche. "We are offering a forest green tee at $16.99, which is actually cheaper than the regular cotton shirts."



Emily Janssen/ Stoutonia

The front of The Niche on grand re-opening day with a sign to welcome students in the store.

This semester The Niche is making operations and purchasing decisions with an awareness of the impact this can have on the world. The Niche customers, like Courtney Hilgendorf, a junior in the vocational rehabilitation program, are taking notice, "I am happy that [The Niche] brought in the World of Good products. [They] are fair trade, so I don't mind spending a little more on them. I feel as though I am making an impact [through these purchases] with both fair trade workers and UW-Stout."

Rachael Schreder, a student marketing manager for The Niche, responds to the customers with enthusiasm for the World of Good product line. "Hopefully the World of Good empowers people to think about what they buy. People should think about how our purchasing decisions are affecting our earth and the people making the products by asking the questions, 'Does this harm the environment?' and 'How were the working conditions for those who manufactured this product?'"

New product lines and concepts are proving alluring this semester, but The Niche patrons are not to worry. The Niche isn't forgetting its staple signature item that brings serious foot traffic into the store semester after semester: the cheapest bottled soda on campus. Customers throw down a buck and are a good to go with the price after tax accumulating to a dollar even. "Anywhere else you go, [a bottle costs] $1.25," asserted Sarah Dummer, the assistant director who has been working at The Niche since last semester while pursuing her master's degree in school counseling. From the perspective of a psychology graduate joining the scene of a serious retail store, Dummer believes, "People don't realize how much planning and 'OK'ing goes into this presentation."

Through hard work, the students working at The Niche are very excited about what they have to offer. Alex Schultz explains her vision, "As a marketing manager, my hope is that The Niche can create awareness on this campus of all the work that the retail students put in. For the grand re-opening, we stayed out late, running all over campus in the bitter cold to get these flyers out for everyone to notice." The UW-Stout campus did notice, bringing student and faculty voyagers in from its opening at 9:00 a.m. to closing time at 5:00 p.m..

Once again, the retail practicum students of University of Wisconsin-Stout have pulled off a successful and exciting grand re-opening of the on-campus boutique. Through the exhausting efforts these students put into buying trips, product research, visual merchandising, marketing and pricing, the team exceeded their optimistic goal for re-opening day sales by approximately 60 percent. Lisa Wilke noted that this was accomplished by working with the few orders that came in on time. "At Grand Re-Opening, we have only about a third of what we plan to offer," she explained. With the store opening a week earlier than normal, the staff had to scrape together what shipments the venders were able to send. That's definitely something to be proud of.



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Courtney Hilgendorf, a junior in Vocational Rehabilitation, takes interest in the World of Good products, a new line The Niche offers this semester.

The Niche fashion show

Alexandria Schultz
Guest Contributor

While supermodels walk the runways of New York, London, Milan, and Paris, University of Wisconsin-Stout students will strut their stuff right here on campus. The Niche, a unique boutique run by students in the retail merchandising and management program, will be putting on a fashion show featuring unique merchandise from its specialty store.

The spring break-inspired 2009 fashion show will display items students will be particularly interested in as they prepare for their spring getaway. UW-Stout beach babe models will walk the blue runway made to look like water, sporting spring break gear. Must-haves that every student should not leave campus without include merchandise from World of Good, such as jeweled pendant necklaces, bracelets and sustainable bags. Other merchandise that will be featured on the catwalk will be trendy sunglasses, costume jewelry, beach bags, sandals, scarves, tank tops and T-shirts.

The Niche students encourage everyone to start spring break early and attend The Niche fashion show Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. in the Home Economics building on the second floor.

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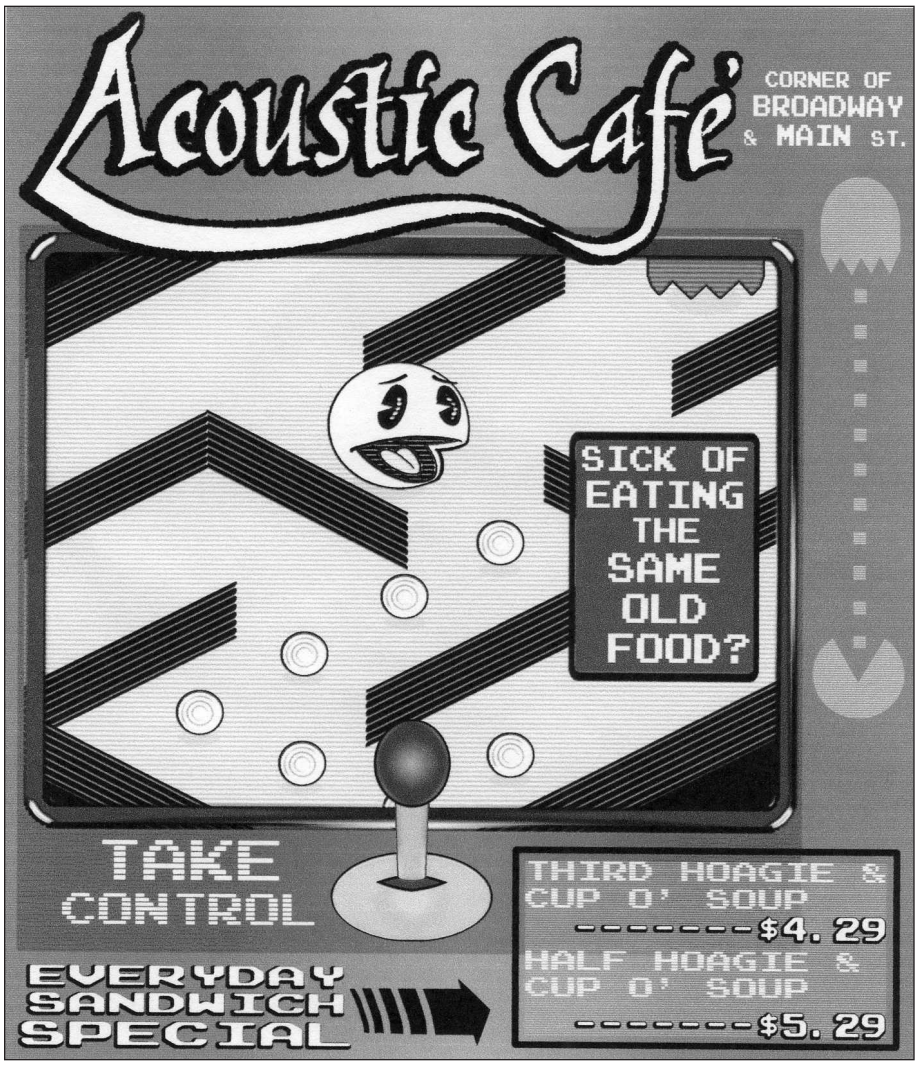
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Shopping confessions



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"Hi, my name is Rebecca Bloomwood and I am a shopaholic." These are a few of the most difficult words that Rebecca Bloomwood (Isla Fisher) has ever had to utter. Growing up in a middle class family, this meant very few "shiny" things for Rebecca. One day, while shopping with her mother, Rebecca looked in a store and saw a few older girls shopping for prom dresses. She was amazed at how beautiful they were and how they were able to buy whatever they wanted—and without money! From that day on Rebecca vowed to be just like them.

Twelve credit cards and a grand total of over $16,000 worth in debt later, Rebecca is being stalked by a debt collection agency and is living the life she vowed to live. She has a steady income, for a while. The magazine that she wrote for suddenly shuts down, leaving hundreds without jobs. This is bad news for someone with that much debt. She decides to apply for a journalist job at "Allete" fashion magazine. As she is walking to her interview, she passes by a few stores and sees a sale sign in the window of one of her favorite stores. She stops and gazes into the window hungrily and spots a gorgeous green scarf. The madness begins.

She gets it into her head that she must have the scarf to get this job but is $20 short. With little time to spare before the interview, she rushes to a hotdog stand, barges in front of a long line of waiting people, and begs for cash back if she writes a check. The vendor says no, unless she buys all of the hotdogs. She is about ready to write out the check when the person behind her hands her $20.

She has four minutes to spare after she makes her purchase. She rushes to the interview to find that the position has been filled—yesterday. The receptionist tips her off that there is a job opening at "Successful Savings"—a financial magazine. He says that if she writes at that magazine, word might get out to "Allete" and she would have a good chance of getting a job at that magazine.

She rushes to "Successful Savings" and soon realizes that the nice man that lent her $20 at the hotdog stand's name is Luke (Hugh Dancy), the man that is interviewing her. The lies begin and she digs herself into a bigger and bigger hole. After some coaxing, he hires her to put a new outlook in the magazine and she is quickly dubbed "The Girl in the Green Scarf." From this point on, Rebecca's biggest challenge is to keep her addiction a secret.

This movie is full of witty dialogue and hilarious situations. It is a brilliant story of a girl with a shopping problem and the steps she had to take to get past it. It is a story of the discovery of the things in life that are important—the things you cannot purchase.
Rating: 3/5

Is he really not that into you?



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Kitty Cotten
Staff Writer

"He's Just Not That Into You" is based loosely on a the bestselling dating guide by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo. The movie chronicles the dating lives of a handful of 30-something adults in the complex and apparently very dysfunctional world of dating.

Most of the advice is sound, but not substantial. If he's not calling, he's just not that into you; if he's sleeping with someone else, he's just not that into you. Sounds simple enough, but the characters don't seem to understand.

Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) is the perky girl who is constantly misinterpreting guys' "signals" and always waiting by her phone for the love of her life to call. After her date with Conor (Kevin Connolly), she instantly calls her girlfriend to tell her how well the date went. Simultaneously, Conor is calling another girl, Anna (Scarlett Johansson), the sexy yoga instructor and aspiring singer.

Johansson appears to be the self-sufficient woman reaching for her dreams, not letting men become a distraction. That's true until she is coming on to married guy Ben (Bradley Cooper), whose wife is Jennifer Connelly's character, Janine. Janine prefers to remodel their home instead of sleeping with her husband.

Beth (Jennifer Aniston) and Neil (Ben Affleck) are the cohabitating couple. Aniston is the classic marriage-obsessed girlfriend, constantly frustrated with her marriage-phobic boyfriend.

Mary (Drew Barrymore) is the cute MySpace and Facebook-obsessed girl being rejected by all forms of technology. Barrymore's main purpose in the movie was for laughs; there was not much substance to her character.

The actresses far outweigh their male counterparts, making you think, "Why don't they all just dump these losers?" So much for female empowerment. Instead, the women appear desperate and complete idiots in the dating world.

It's far from a revolutionary film, but it's still quite enjoyable thanks to an attractive cast and some funny moments. It's a great movie to see with your girls on a Saturday afternoon or a casual date with your significant other.
Rating: 3/5

The International: An international waste of time



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A bank bent on controlling warring countries by controlling their debt is trying to avoid being exposed by an obsessive Interpol agent (played by Clive Owen) and some chick who tags along after him (Naomi Watts). The bank has influence seemingly everywhere, including law enforcement, which buries the evidence each time someone gets close to the truth.

A.J.: Why Clive Owen wants to destroy the bank's business strategy remains a mystery, but apparently he thinks it's a shady deal. So does Watts, whoever she's supposed to be (probably just there so there's another big name in the movie).

The storyline was meant to be full of twists and surprises and conspiracy, but it was mostly boring. It was slow, the story wasn't that good, and most of it was recycled from other movies. It did have its moments though. The shootout was one of the best I've seen in quite a while. The gunshots sounded quite realistic, to the point where they almost hurt my ears. But, like every other movie, none of the fully automatic guns had any recoil, not that most viewers will care.

There were also a lot of unanswered questions at the end. What happened to Owen possibly getting poisoned? Who was the guy at the end who shot the other guy? Was bringing down the bank really so simple after the big deal they made about it being untouchable? Who were half of the characters?

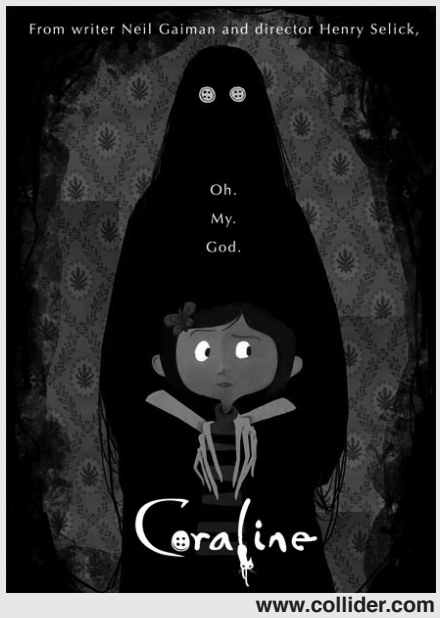
The movie was very confusing and wasn't interesting enough to warrant the time to figure it out. If it did answer some of the previously mentioned questions, it wasn't very clear. If not for the shootout, it would have been as interesting as a documentary on banking.
Rating: 2/5

Katie: This movie was about personal revenge. It was plausible, without many special effects and preposterous scenarios, but it was also very, very boring. A couple scenes in the movie showed attempts at action scenes, but even those lacked creativity and interest.

If you find yourself daydreaming in the middle of the movie, thinking about things that you could be doing other than watching the movie, don't worry; you're not alone, it happened to me, too. Once you snap out of your daydream you'll miss half the conversation and have no idea who the latest character is and why he is fighting that other guy.

Don't see this in the theaters, don't buy it, don't rent it, don't even watch it when it plays on TNT … unless you enjoy slow, bland and confusing movies.
Rating: 1/5

Coraline | Kids should learn to play nice with others



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Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

Though Henry Selick, the director of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," wows "Coraline" audiences with his brilliant stop-motion animation, the film fails to delight audiences over the age of 10.

"Coraline" seemed like it was going to be another fascinating film. Perhaps I went into the movie with the wrong attitude (another movie worthy of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" status?), but even if this hadn't been the case, I would still be disappointed by "Coraline."

In the movie, Coraline (not to be confused with Caroline) moves away from her friends to an old and rather pink house. Coraline's parents are always busy working on their gardening book, and Coraline is restless. She meets a boy named Wybie (short for Wyborn) who tells her that his grandmother owns the place and that she usually does not admit children. The film never explains why Coraline was allowed to move in, which leaves the viewer wondering why the rest of the story happened in the first place. Wybie finds a doll that looks exactly like Coraline, except it has black button eyes. Coraline finds a door to a different world where everyone has black buttons for eyes, everything is to her liking and her "Other Mother" showers her with affection. Little does she know that the Other Mother is evil and was spying on Coraline through the doll's eyes to see that she was unhappy.

A big problem I have with this film is the doll. If someone just found a doll that looked exactly like me, I would not play with that doll. I would burn that doll. Also, if I found a world where people had black buttons for eyes and claimed to be my "other" family, I wouldn't just go along with it and assume everything was okey-dokey. And that's another issue. When I pictured people with black buttons for eyes, I imagined something a whole lot creepier and cooler than what actually appeared on the screen. My hopes for the film and an interesting lead character were squashed like the bugs in Coraline's bathroom.

Coraline is incredibly childish and annoying, which is why this film is just for kids. Wybie tries to be her friend, but she is vicious towards him and calls him "Why were you born" as an insult. The music is interesting and reminds me of being a child, but some of the scenes are weird for kids. In one scene, two older women do a stage performance. One of the women is in a bra, and the other is only wearing sequins on her disgustingly gigantic breasts. The sexuality portrayed in this kids' film made me question who exactly this film was made for.

To be fair, the stop-motion animation in "Coraline" was brilliant. Though I saw it in a regular theater, it is possible to view the film in 3-D. The complexity of the making of "Coraline" is something to be appreciated, though it will probably be lost on kids. If you have kids, "Coraline" could definitely beat out other dumb kid-appropriate theater choices, but if you don't, try a more interesting film.

Rating: 3/5

Ruckus no more

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

Effective immediately, the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, along with other college campuses across the country, will no longer be able to use the free music-downloading site, Ruckus.

With no warning, Ruckus shut down its site, leaving thousands of students without the ability to find additional tunes.

The reason for the close? Ruckus isn't talking, which has made its closure somewhat of an abrupt mystery.

Technology sites around the Web are just as baffled as the students. While a number speculate financial burdens, others feel the competition may have been too much.

Whatever the case may be, students will now have to search for other means through which to legally download free music.

And so, we will bid adieu to what Ruckus once was, as they have left us with nothing more than a memory and the following note on its Web site:



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UW-Stout shines against harsh competition

Gymnasts escape the cold as they compete at the University of Arizona

Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnastics team has been performing very well this season, advancing to six wins and two loses in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

On Feb. 6, UW-Stout topped the undefeated and nationally ranked UW-Whitewater team. The tournament was very close as the Blue Devils defeated UW-Whitewater 180.1 to 179.625.

This was a huge confidence booster as UW-Whitewater was ranked fourth in the country in gymnastics. Rachel Manz set a new team record on the bars, but her record didn't last long as teammate Meghan Hargens topped her score moments later. Hargens took first in the vault with a score of 9.475 and second on the floor with 9.525.

Manz finished in second place on the bars with 9.475. Naomi Delara took first on the floor exercise with 9.6 and took second place in the vault with a score of 9.425.

Finishing with a final score of 180.10 at the meet against UW-Whitewater marked UW-Stout's top performance of the season.

The UW-Stout gymnastics team was lucky enough to escape the vile weather conditions in Wisconsin when it traveled to Arizona on Feb. 13 to compete against the University of Arizona and Brown University. Although UW-Stout finished third of three, many notable performances were recorded during the meet.

Hargens led UW-Stout as they set a new team scoring record with a mark of 183.825. Hargens broke UW-Stout's all-around team record when she scored 38.45, winning the event which featured two NCAA Division I teams.

That wasn't the only record she broke that day. Hargens also broke the school record on the bars when she scored 9.575, good enough to put her in sixth for the competition.

Delara placed third on the balance beam with a score of 9.775, eighth on the floor exercise with 9.75 and twelfth on the vault with 9.225.

UW-Stout freshman Jenna Lensing set a new personal best in the all-around with 36.375, the bars with 8.375, the balance beam with 9.6 and the floor exercise with 9.45. UW-Stout set new team records on the vault, the balance beam and the floor exercise. The awards didn't stop there; after the meet Hargens was given yet another award.

For the third time this year, Hargens was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference gymnastics athlete of the week. It was her first place finish in the all-around event against two National Conference Athletic Association Division I teams that turned some heads.

After the competition, Manz said, "This has been the first team trip that has felt like we were a family. It's always fun to travel without our parents. You always bond with the girls you room with." She also stated, "My favorite part of our trip was after our competition when we were done competing and got to relax and have fun."

DeLara expressed a heartfelt moment when she said, "We all put our heart into what we were doing and it shows when we step out onto the floor to compete. We all get excited for each other and we all pick each other up when something goes wrong. Some girls had a rough meet but there were 15 other shoulders there that were more than willing to help carry the burden which makes this team so amazing. There was no awkwardness or forced bonds; we were all there because we all wanted to be there together."



LaynePitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout freshman Jenna Lensing performs a stuck beam routine against UW-Whitewater on Jan. 30. UW-Stout ended the meet tied for first place.

Even though UW-Stout ended in third place out of three teams, the camaraderie between the women was apparent.

The UW-Stout gymnastics team now looks to continue its aggressive play when it travels to Hamline University on Saturday, Feb. 21 to compete against Winona State. They will also host Hamline University during Parents' Night on Friday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.



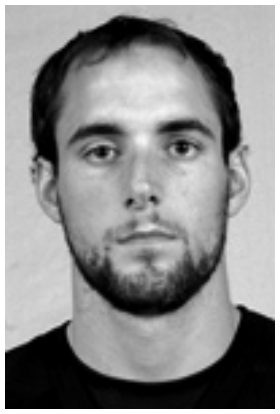
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The UW-Stout gymnastics team celebrates after upsetting a nationally ranked UW-Whitewater team on Feb. 6.

UW-Stout OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Joel Gaulrapp

This 6-foot, 185-pound junior forward from Owatonna, Minn. is a construction major. In his spare time, Gaulrapp enjoys fishing, hunting and playing softball. Last year, Gaulrapp was named to the all-NCHA and WIAC team and was also named WIAC player of the week twice. After defeating UW-River Falls 6-5 in a come-from-behind win, Gaulrapp was again named the WIAC player of the week, his second honor of the season. During the game, Gaulrapp accounted for three points. He assisted the opening goal of the game, and also scored two key goals in the third period. UW-Stout's remarkable four-goal third-period displayed their offensive arsenal. With the win, the Blue Devils clinched the second overall seed in the upcoming playoffs.

The UW-Stout men's hockey team host UW-Eau Claire on Friday, Feb. 20 and Feb. 21 in the NCHA Quarterfinals games. Both games will be played at 7:30 p.m.



Competitive play boosts women's basketball team

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team has been on a tear during the past month, winning six of its last seven games. The Blue Devils went on a four-game winning streak with the most pivotal victory coming over the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, ending the Pointers school-record 14-game winning streak. UW-Stevens Point is currently ranked in the top 10 nationally and sits atop the conference with only three losses this year.

Much of the Blue Devils' recent success can be attributed to the outstanding play of junior forward Julia Hirssig from Rochester, Minn. Hirssig was unstoppable in the upset over UW-Stevens Point as she tallied 37 points to go along with her 12 rebounds.

Senior guard Charlee Edwards from Danbury, Wis. was also a major factor in the upset, scoring 16 points and grabbing seven boards. The Blue Devils managed to pull off the upset despite the fact that they committed 21 turnovers and shot less than 25 percent from behind the three-point line.

The winning streak began with a trip to the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Jan. 21. The game was close the entire time with a two point differential at halftime. Three points was all that separated the two teams when it was all said and done.

Hirssing was once again the leading scorer and rebounder on the floor that evening with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Edwards had a very good outing with 16 points in 35 minutes. The UW-Superior Yellowjackets had three girls in double figures, but it wasn't enough to record their first conference win; UW-Stout won the game 76-73.

The two other wins during the streak came over the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Against UW-Platteville, Hirssig recorded her first 37-point total; she also had 10 rebounds, solidifying yet another double-double for her. She also hit a significant milestone during that game scoring her 1,000th point of the season. At the end of the game she had 1,001 total points on the season, which established her as the ninth most prolific scorer in the history of UW-Stout women's basketball. The Blue Devils defeated the Pioneers 83-69.



Michael Grevas / Stoutonia
UW-Stout junior forward Julia Hirssig tries to score inside against UW-Superior. Hirssig had 19 points and 13 rebounds in the 88-56 victory over UW-Superior.

The game against UW-Oshkosh was a nail biter that needed every last second to determine a winner. With less than two seconds remaining in the game with the score tied at 63, Julia Hirssig hit a shot and was fouled; she went on to convert the free-throw attempt, putting the Blue Devils up by three. The Titans were not able to answer in the remaining 1.6 seconds giving UW-Stout yet another win, 66-63. Hirssig finished with 27 points and seven rebounds, junior forwards Megan Maslowski and Danielle DeWitt both finished in double digits with 10 each. Senior guard Lindsey Gerber also had a very productive game, contributing nine points and eight assists all while not turning the ball over once.

The Blue Devils winning streak ended against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as UW-Stout fell by a wide margin 63-40.

Two Blue Devils scored in double figures, sophomore forward Tricia VanVreede scored 11 to go along with Hirssing's 11. No player could find their stroke which showed on the stat sheet as they shot a dismal 26 percent from the field throughout the game.

UW-Stout was down 15 at half and that deficit proved to be insurmountable. UW-Whitewater was ranked eleventh in both national coaches' polls at the time of the win.



Layne Pitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout senior guard, Charlee Edwards, scores against UW-Platteville on Jan. 24. Edwards ended the game with seven points, eight rebounds, five steals and two assists.

The streak-ending loss was a small bump in the road but the women are busy working on yet another winning streak, beginning it against the same opponent that started the four-game streak, UW-Superior. This game was a much more lop-sided affair in favor of the Blue Devil women as they won by 32 points, 88-56.

Hirssing was in control again with 19 points and 13 rebounds, assistance in the scoring department came from junior guard Kim Stokke who added 11, and senior guard Nikki Wyngaard who scored 10.

As a team, UW-Stout had 18 assists, which was three times the amount that the Yellowjackets could accumulate. The teamwork helped the Blue Devils to a victory over UW-Superior, who now sits on the bottom of the conference standings.

The most recent victory came on Valentine's Day over the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Hirssig recorded yet another double-double with 18 points and 14 rebounds respectively, but she was not the leading scorer in this game.

That honor belonged to Edwards who also had a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. There was an abundance of fouls in this game with three UW-La Crosse players fouling out as well as Maslowski for the Blue Devils. The final score was 71-60, giving UW-Stout back-to-back wins.

Hirssig is second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in both the point and rebound categories averaging 20 points and nearly 11 rebounds per game. She is also shooting more accurate than anyone else in the conference as she leads the WIAC in field goal percentage, making over 50 percent of the shots she has taken.

The Blue Devils as a whole are playing great basketball. They lead the conference in scoring offense with a little over 72 points per game; they also lead the conference in rebounding which is a statistic that is common to both the men's and women's teams. They are currently ranked fourth in the WIAC with only two games left to be played, against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and then a final home game against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Unfortunately, UW-Stout is ranked near the bottom of the conference in attendance, so come to Johnson Fieldhouse on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. to support them in what could be the final home game of the season.

Stout closes out season on 10 game undefeated streak

Strong finish gives Blue Devils first round home rink advantage heading into the NCHA playoffs

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

If it is any indication how the Blue Devils closed the regular hockey season as to whether this year's playoff team will make a deep postseason run, I say book your tickets now to Lake Placid as it seems this team just can't lose. Dating back to the start of 2009, the Blue Devils have only lost once and that was to a lackluster Concordia-Moorhead team that had only one win until their Jan. 9 meeting with the Blue Devils.

Since then, the team is 8-0-2 and is outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 49 to 22 during their late season surge that left them ranked third in USCHO.com's Division III poll.

To take a look back on the final three games of the season is an interesting story to tell as the finish contained enough excitement to make it a memorable one.

A victory in each of their final games against Lake Forest, St. Norbert's and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls would further bolster their position in the NCAA and NCHA standings which in turn gives them a greater likelihood of claiming a high seed that guarantees home ice.

For their final regular season road trip the Blue Devils traveled to Lake Forest, Ill. on Feb. 6 before they headed up to Green Bay to face St. Norbert's University on Feb. 7. In their game against Lake Forest, the Blue Devils were presented opportunities left and right as the Foresters committed numerous penalties throughout the evening, which led to a total of four power-play goals. Taking responsibility for half of those scores was Paul Henderson, whose two goals were the first of the game. The rest of the game belonged to the Blue Devils who were able to keep the Foresters out of the conference win column with a 5-1 road victory.

After a short jaunt up Highway 43, the Blue Devils once again found themselves facing the defending national champions in St. Norbert's. While this game wasn't as one-sided as their first bout at Dunn County Ice Arena, it sure ended the same way as UW-Stout pulled a 4-3 overtime victory away from St. Norbert's just two minutes into the extra period.

With the game looking to go in favor of the Green Knights, Joel Gaulrapp pulled some last second heroics out of his bag of tricks to score the tying goal with half a minute to play. Once the overtime period started, UW-Stout began firing on all cylinders as they let it be known they were on the attack. With 2:16 gone in the period, Scott Motz took matters into his own hands and beat the St. Norbert's goalie to give the University of Wisconsin-Stout the victory.

Heading into the final regular season game against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls the Blue Devils needed a win and a little help from St. Scholastica to give them a share of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association conference lead with UW-Superior. Even though they still had room to advance, the Blue Devils had already guaranteed themselves at least one home game for the conference tournament regardless of how they finished the season.

That comfort of knowing they had already clinched a home berth made them play a little laid back for their opening period against UW-River Falls. They were outscored 4-1 during the first 19 minutes of the game and it appeared that UW-Stout was already packing it up and looking forward to the tournament.



Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
The Blue Devils celebrated after accomplishing an unlikely come-from-behind win that consisted of four UW-Stout goals in the third period.



Bruce Demorrow / Sports photographer
Although UW-Stout's goaltender, Matt Koenig, allowed four goals in the first period, the Blue Devils fought back and defeated UW-River Falls 6-5 on Febrary 13.

This may have appeared so to the casual fan but for someone who has followed them the entire season, the possibility of a comeback is never absent.

As with any comeback, it has to start somewhere, so the Blue Devils figured that with 29 seconds remaining in the first period it would be a great place to get going as Andy Sternberg scored a power play goal to cut the Falcons' lead in half just before the first intermission.

The lone goal in the second period belonged to UW-River Falls and that once again gave them a commanding three-point lead with the third period standing between them and victory. UW-Stout found no difficulty in dissecting the deteriorating UW-River Falls defense for three goals in the first 10 minutes of the third period to tie the game up at five goals apiece.

With around three minutes left in the game it appeared UW-River Falls might finally take the lead once again as Jeff Wheeler was called for cross checking that gave the Falcons a power play opportunity, but Mr. Opportunity of the Blue Devils, Joel Gaulrapp, saw his opening and dived right through as he converted a short-handed goal with just over two minutes remaining that wound up being the game-winner for just a number of thrilling come-from-behind victories for the Blue Devils this year.

The final rankings heading into conference tournament time have the Blue Devils as the number two seed in the NCHA conference. Where the Blue Devils will be seeded when it comes to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament depends heavily on their performance in the conference tournament.

For his efforts during the final three games of the season, Joel Gaulrapp was awarded his second consecutive NCHA player of the week award.

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Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Men's Basketball

Record: 7-16

The Blue Devils men's basketball team has again created an undesirable streak as they have now lost six games in a row. On Feb. 11, UW-Stout had a shot at beating UW-Superior in the final minutes of the game but again faltered, losing the game 67-65. Although it was a heartbreaking loss, there were positives that came out of the game. UW-Stout's Jerrel Enerson-Mathews scored a career-high 33 points. The final shot of the game came down to Enerson-Mathews but the ball hit the rim and bounced off.

Next game: (Home) Against UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 18-5-2

The Blue Devils hockey team has been on fire recently, winning eight of its last 10 games and tying the remaining two. On Feb. 13 the Blue Devils faced off against UW-River Falls. UW-Stout fell short right away, falling behind 5-2 going into the third period. The Blue Devils bounced back as they scored four goals in the final period, defeating UW-River Falls 6-5 in a come-from-behind win. UW-Stout junior forward Joel Gaulrapp accounted for three points in the game. He assisted the opening goal and scored two third-period goals.

Next game: (Home) Against UW-Eau Claire on Friday, Feb. 20 and Feb. 21 in the NCHA Quarterfinals games. Both games will be played at 7:30 p.m.



Women's Basketball

Record: 15-9

The UW-Stout women's basketball team has gone from a three-game losing streak to winning seven of its last eight games, which was a dramatic turnaround. On Feb. 14 the Blue Devils played against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. UW-Stout was able to keep a comfortable cushion throughout the game as the Blue Devils defeated UW-La Crosse 71-60. UW-Stout's Charlee Edwards had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Julia Hirssig has 18 points and 14 rebounds. The women's basketball team looks to continue its recent hot streak as it plays against UW-Eau Claire in its upcoming game.

Next Game: (Home) Against UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m.

Gymnastics ends third of three at the University of Arizona tournament but breaks numerous school records, women's basketball team wins seven of last eight games, hockey team to host UW-Eau Claire in NCHA Quarterfinals.

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Thursday, February 19

- Moving Your Diversity Dialogue from Talk to Action
  1:25 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  Great Hall, MSC

- Interviewing Workshop
  2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Sunday, February 22

- 2009 Polar Plunge
  Register: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  Plunging: Noon to 2:30 p.m.
  Half Moon Lake in Carson Park, Eau Claire, Wis.

Monday, February 23

- GALEN presented by Flute Juice Productions
  7 p.m.
  Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, February 24

- Résumé and Letter Writing Workshop
  12:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, February 25

- How to find Co-op/Internship Workshop
  10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

- Steak Night
  Commons: 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  Tainter: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 26

- Job Searching Workshop
  12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Tuesday, March 3

- Interviewing Workshop
  2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, March 4

- Résumé and Letter Writing Workshop
  12:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.
  Room 103, Administration Building

Entertainment

Thursday, February 19

- Open Mic
  8 p.m.
  The Underground, MSC

Saturday, February 21

- Twisting Hay
  7:30 p.m.
  Acoustic Café, Menomonie, Wis.

Wednesday, February 25

- Beats on the Block presented by Southside Drummers from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota
  7 p.m.
  Ballroom C, MSC

Thursday, February 26

- Lucy Michelle and the Velvet Lapelles with Little Man
  8 p.m.
  The Underground, MSC

Friday, February 27

- Twilight
  6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
  Room 210, Applied Arts

Athletics

Gymnastics:

- Thursday, February 19
  7 p.m.
  Gustavus Adolphus/ St. Peter, Min.

- Saturday, February 21
  6 p.m.
  Winona State at Hamline University/ St. Paul, Min.

- Friday, February 27
  Parent's Night
  6 p.m.
  Hamline University/ Menomonie, Wis.

Softball:

- Friday, February 20
  10 a.m.
  St. Scholastica/ Rosemount, Min.

- Thursday, February 26
  10 a.m.
  Northwestern College/ Rosemount, Min.

- Wednesday, March 4
  10 a.m.
  Augsburg College/ Rosemount, Min.

Baseball:

- Wednesday, March 4
  6:30 a.m.
  UM-Crookston at Metrodome/ Minneapolis, Min.

Hockey:

- Friday, February 20
  NCHA Quarterfinals
  7:30 p.m.
  UW-Eau Claire/ Menomonie, Wis.

- Saturday, February 21
  NCHA Quarterfinals
  7:30 p.m.
  UW-Eau Claire/ Menomonie, Wis.

- Saturday, February 28
  NCHA Semi-finals

Men's and Women's Basketball:

- Saturday, February 21
  Men's: 3p.m.
  Women's: 5 p.m.
  UW-Eau Claire/ Menomonie, Wis.

- Tuesday, February 24
  WIAC Tournament

- Thursday, February 26
  WIAC Semi-Finals

- Saturday, February 28
  WIAC Championships

Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Saturday, February 21
  10:30 a.m.
  Eastbay/Pointer Invite/ Steven's Point, Wis.

- Saturday, February 28
  WIAC Indoor Championships
  Menomonie, Wis.

- Sunday, March 1
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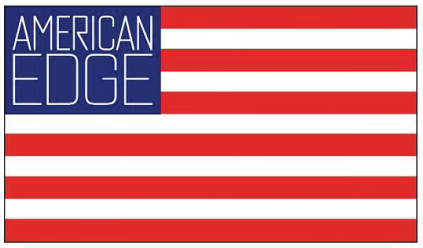
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	$255	$255	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	$345	$345	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$370	$370	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$425	$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	$300	$150	n/a	n/a	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	$420	$210	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	1502 10th Street	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$545	$273	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	915 Main Street	$540	$180	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	$685	$171	$860	$215	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$700	$175	$880	$220	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	$750	$188	$930	$233	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
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4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1	2235 South Broadway	$800	$200	$1,000	$250	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
4	2	400 18th Avenue	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	512 19th Avenue W	$750	$150	$950	$190	Large split-level, 2 living rooms, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
6	2	504 10th Street	$800	$133	$1,080	$180	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	$900	$150	$1,180	$197	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,250	$208	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,000	$167	$1,200	$200	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	$1,200	$200	$1,500	$250	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$980	$140	$1240	$177	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H

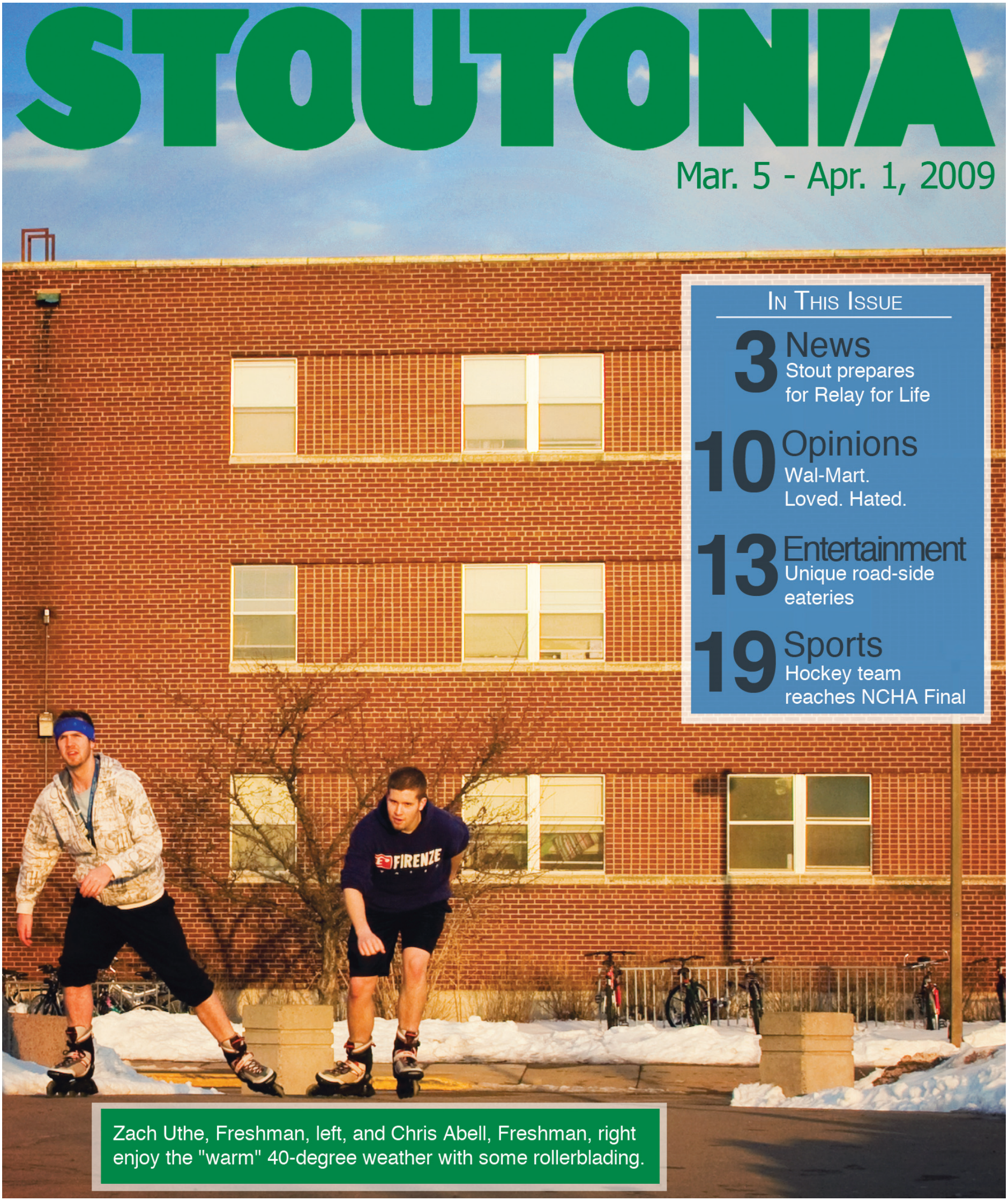
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Zach Uthe, Freshman, left, and Chris Abell, Freshman, right enjoy the "warm" 40-degree weather with some rollerblading.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life of University of Wisconsin-Stout, sponsored by the American Cancer Society and Colleges Against Cancer, is set to take place from 7 p.m. on April 24 until 7 a.m. on April 25 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Johnson Field House.



Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event that raises money to aid in cancer research. Thousands of communities participate in this event across the country each year. Teams within these communities earn donations through fundraising events and then walk for a total of 12 hours in one night in the relay to help raise awareness for cancer treatments and prevention.

This year's theme for Relay for Life of UW-Stout is "Walk and Roll," a take on 1950s popular culture. While the brainstorming for the specific events of the relay are still taking place, some possibilities include a luminaria ceremony, a twist and hand-jive competition and the drag show inspired by "Dude Looks Like a Housewife."

Relay Chair, Allison Shuldhiess, said "People from the whole community are encouraged to participate and come to the evening's events."

While these events are meant to bring people together in good spirits, Shuldheiss also mentioned that Relay for Life is a time to honor those who have survived or lost the battle in fighting cancer.

To aid in the fight against cancer, last year's Relay for Life fundraising teams earned $29,751, just shy of their $30,000 goal. This year's goal is to surpass that amount. So far, 24 teams have registered to fundraise for the event and they have already collected over $2,500.

The deadline for registration is March 25. The fee for a team of 8-15 people is $150, which will include t-shirts for team members. This year, the team that raises the most money will receive the first pick of their team's campsite the night of the relay and a tray of baked goods. The individual that raises the most money will win a Nintendo Wii.

> "People from the whole community are encouraged to participate."
>
> -Allison Shuldhiess, Relay Chair

To register your team, or for more information about Relay for Life of UW-Stout, contact Allison Shuldhiess at shuldhiessa@uwstout.edu or visit the Web site, www.events.cancer.org/rfluwstout.

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Recyclemania

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

For the week of March 2- 8, University of Wisconsin-Stout is trailing behind UW-Steven's Point and UW-Eau Claire in the RecycleMania competition between other University of Wisconsin schools. UW-Stout is in second place for Grand Champion behind UW-Steven's Point; however UW-Stout is in third place in the Per Capita Classic and second place in Waste Minimization. For the category of Gorilla Prize, UW-Stout is also in third place.

Upcoming Recyclemania events for March 2-6 include floor wars in Jeter-Tainter-Callahan and Wigen Hall. For the week of March 9-13, there will be floor wars in Antrim-Froggat-McCalmont and Milnes-Chinnock. There will also be a Recyclemania booth at the UW-Stout Figure Skating Show on March 6 at 7 p.m.

Recyclemania events and standings for March 2- 13

Grand Champion, Weekly Recycling Rate

UW-Stout- 24.11%
UW-Stevens Point- 55.08%
UW-Eau Claire- 20.96%

Per Capita Classics, (lbs/person)

UW-Stout- 1.08
UW-Stevens Point-4.54
UW-Eau Claire- 1.60

Waste Minimization, (lbs/ person)

UW-Stout- 4.48
UW-Stevens Point- 8.24
UW-Eau Claire- No category

Gorilla Prize, (lbs)

UW-Stout- 9,223
UW-Stevens Point- 42,100
UW-Eau Claire- 17,245.90

Forming to focus

New groups aim to sustain campus

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The Budget, Planning and Analysis office is looking for students, faculty and staff to participate in focus groups to gather information on attitudes and ideas on environmental sustainability on campus.

The information gathered in these focus groups will be used to develop the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Environmental Management Action Plan.

If you are interested, please e-mail bpa@uwstout.edu with your availability or with any questions you may have. Advanced registration is required.

Check the calendar for dates and times of upcoming focus groups.

sustainable events March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	|---------- Recyclemania Floor Wars in **Jeter-Tainter-Callahan** and **Wigen Hall** ----------|				Visit the **Recyclemania booth** at the Figure Skating show @ 7 p.m.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	|---- Recyclemania Floor Wars in **Antrim-Froggat-McCalmont** and **Milnes Chinnock** ----|	Discuss sustainability at **association meeting** at Tainter Town Hall @ 7 p.m.				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Spring break					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Clean Lakes Bill will directly affect local bodies of water

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

On Feb. 24, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a bill that will reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Wisconsin's lakes.

The Clean Lakes Bill, AB3, will prohibit lawn fertilizers that contain phosphorus from being displayed on store shelves. Though the bill has passed the Assembly, the Wisconsin State Senate has yet to approve the bill.

Phosphorus is a nutrient that aids in plant growth. However, when phosphorus runs off of lawns, enters storm sewers and is deposited into bodies of water, the nutrient causes aquatic vegetation to multiply in growth. Too much vegetation in a body of water robs the water of oxygen, which in turn hurts the aquatic wildlife that needs oxygen to survive.

According to the Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Wisconsin's soil already features the necessary amount of phosphorus, 20 parts per million, to grow fertile lawn turf. The deposit of additional phosphorus into Wisconsin's lakes can result in fish kills and potentially toxic algae blooms.

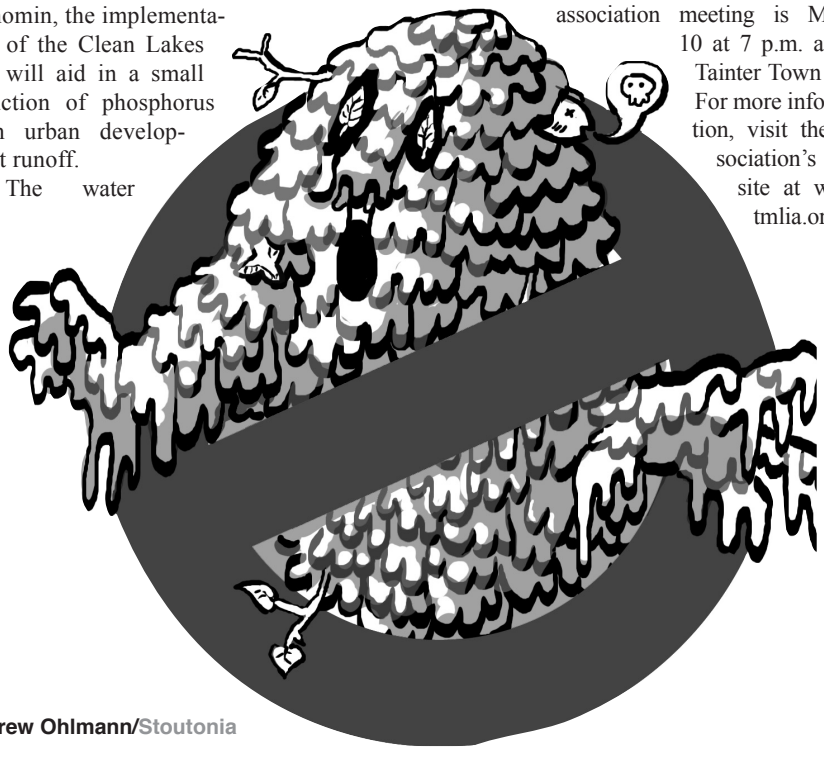
> The implementation of the Clean Lakes Bill will aid in a small reduction of phosphorus from urban development runoff.

Anyone who has witnessed the algae blooms that thrive in Lake Tainter, Lake Menomin and the Red Cedar River during the spring or summer, will be familiar with the damage phosphorus can cause. While the majority of the nutrients that contaminate these bodies of water are from agricultural runoff flowing from the Red Cedar River into the man-made lakes of Tainter and Menomin, the implementation of the Clean Lakes Bill will aid in a small reduction of phosphorus from urban development runoff.

The water system here in Dunn County is a delicate one, and Daniel Zerr, Basin Educator for the Lower Chippewa River Basin, feels University of Wisconsin-Stout students can help keep excess phosphorus out of local bodies of waters. Zerr warns that laundry detergents and dish soap contain phosphorus and when these products go down the drain, the phosphorus within them will end up in the local lakes and rivers.

Scott McGovern, a professor in the UW-Stout Biology department, educates his students about the damage nutrients such as phosphorus can cause. McGovern works with his students to test water samples from Lake Menomin and Tainter Lake to determine the amount of phosphorus in the water. McGovern wants the Menomonie and UW-Stout community to know that many of the algae blooms that result from excess phosphorus are toxic and can cause individuals to get sick. McGovern said BIO-111 students who are in the art program are working with the Dunn County Health Department to make signs that warn swimmers of the danger of swimming near toxic algae blooms.

For students who are interested in learning more about protecting Menomonie's lakes and rivers, the Tainter and Menomin Lakes Improvement Association invites students to attend meetings to get involved in conserving these bodies of water. Students and faculty can assist the association with membership drives, publicity and education of the public, political action research and developing grant proposals. The next association meeting is March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Tainter Town hall. For more information, visit the association's Web site at www.tmlia.org.



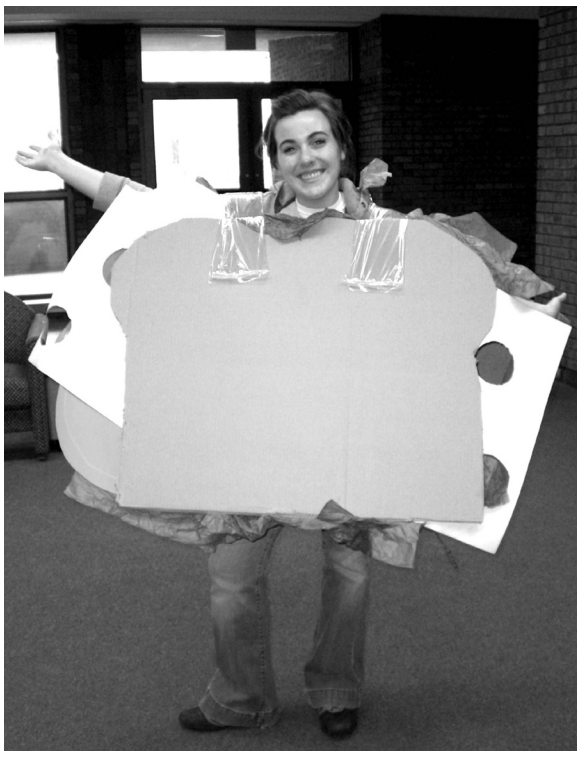
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Community service groups team up

Danielle Olson
News Editor

Phi Upsilon Omicron, a University of Wisconsin-Stout Honor Society that focuses on community service, is teaming up with Kids Against Hunger to provide meals for starving children.

On Advisement Day, March 31 from 12-3 p.m. in the CKTO basement, Phi Upsilon Omicron and volunteers will be packing ready-to-eat meal packets that will be delivered to children in developing nations. Their goal is to package 10,000 meal packets at $ 0.12 each.



Contributed photo
Christi Schmitt, a junior in food systems and technology poses in the Phi Upsilon Omicron's suit for their upcoming event.

If you would like more information regarding this event and how your organization can get involved, please contact them at phiu@uwstout.edu.



Special Olympics Torch Run

UW-Stout Chief of Police Lisa Walter carried the flame



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Officers surround the Special Olympics Torch Run flame during the races' opening ceremonies.

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

Every four years, select members of law enforcement are chosen to participate in the Winter Special Olympics by carrying the "Flame of Hope" and volunteering their time at the event. The 2009 Winter Special Olympics officially began Feb. 7 and continued until Feb. 13. But before the games started, the "Flame of Hope" entered its final leg and travelled throughout Idaho before ending in Boise, Idaho on Jan. 29.

This year, University of Wisconsin-Stout Chief of Police Lisa Walter was honored with the opportunity to serve as a running team leader of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and helped carry the flame throughout Idaho. As a team leader, Walter had to make sure her team of officers and athletes made it to their destinations on time. Walter was in charge of nine individuals from Canada, Ireland, Australia and five U.S. states, including New Mexico, Virginia, Missouri, Kansas and Connecticut. In 2007, Walter carried the flame in China for the summer games.

"We had a very diverse group of individuals," said Walter. "We ran, on average, 10 miles a day for 11 days."

During the final leg of running the torch, the group stopped at local elementary, middle and high schools along with some colleges in order to raise awareness about Special Olympics.

"We gave families in Idaho a touch of what it's like to live with someone with disabilities," said Walter. "They were very welcoming."

The Law Enforcement Run began in 1981when Police Chief Richard LaMunyon wanted to increase the awareness of Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Run has had a big impact on the Special Olympics. Last year, officers across the United States raised $34 million that went directly to program.

According to the Special Olympics Web site, the organization serves nearly 200 million people with intellectual disabilities from 200 countries.

"Special Olympics helps individuals get involved and learn about leadership, team work and responsibility," said Walter. "It is amazing to see these athletes with cognitive disabilities compete; there is nothing like it."

Walter strongly encourages college students to volunteer with the Special Olympic program because it gives students the opportunity to truly make a difference. Volunteer opportunities include helping coach individuals, organize events and more. If you are interested in volunteering for Special Olympics please contact Lisa Walter at walterl@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-2266.



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UW-Stout Chief of Police Lisa Walter (left), Steve Janis from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections who represented the final leg of the run and Julie Buedding , the Torch Run Liaison for Special Olympics Wisconsin, pose in Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls, Idaho.



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

Feb. 16- Feb. 22
UAD 1st- 7
UAD 2nd- 0
Possession of marijuana- 1
Possession of drug paraphernalia- 0
Fire safety violations- 1
Obstructing law enforcement officer- 1

Feb. 16
A few too many loose screws

A complaint was reported in the Vocational Rehabilitation building that someone had come into room 344 and stole a flat-panel monitor. This swift mechanical thief must have been good with tools, considering he removed all four bolts holding the monitor to the desk without being noticed. How they weren't spotted carrying a giant monitor out of the building is another mystery.

Feb. 18
Wanted: A suspect unicycling while holding a red light

A report was filed that someone had stolen the front tire and rear flashing light from a bike locked to the bike rack outside of Harvey Hall. What drives a person to steal a bike is one issue, but the greater question here is… why just one tire and a flashing light?

Feb. 19
The ultimate second wind

At roughly 2 a.m., a man was found outside of Jarvis Hall. He was clearly intoxicated, face down and passed out. Upon arrival, the police officer attempted to wake him up and place him in the back of his squad car. When given a preliminary breath test, the male blew an impressive 0.210. This guy was so wasted that he didn't know his address or anyone who could come help him out. Not good. Because it was so cold out, the officer was not about to let him sleep outside and took him to a treatment center for a shot at detox. When the officer arrived back to Menomonie at 3:35 a.m., he was told that the man had regained a second wind and fled the treatment center by foot. He was soon caught and returned to the treatment center around 4:45 a.m. If that's not a rough night, I don't know what is.

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Small hearts, big cause

Elementary students anticipate National Guard departure

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

On the bright and sunny afternoon of Feb. 23, almost half a mile of South Broadway St. was lined with River Heights Elementary students. Their brightly-colored signs, flags and smiles of joy gleamed on their rosy cheeks. Their anticipation for the Menomonie National Guard Unit, Alpha Company 1-128th Infantry troops passing by on departure was planned days in advance as they made red, white and blue signs and practiced singing the song "God Bless America". As the children waited impatiently along the snow banks, they screamed "honk if you care" at cars and signaled with their little arms to passing semi-truckers to honk their horns. Countless drivers passed by and most of them honked with big smiles on their faces.

It was truly an amazing thing to watch. After a shiny purple and yellow semitruck passed by, the kids signaled once again for the trucker to honk. When the driver honked, all the children covered their ears with a smile.

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As the police cars, fire trucks and ambulances passed by, the girls in front, from Mrs. Shultz's class, started to sing "God Bless America."

When the three coach busses packed with soldiers passed by, the children screamed like it was a Miley Cyrus concert, holding up their signs of support. Although the windows were tinted, you could see the smiles of the passing soldiers.





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Menomonie community members wave National Guard Unit, Alpha Company 1-128th Infantry troops off Feb. 23 on Main Street.



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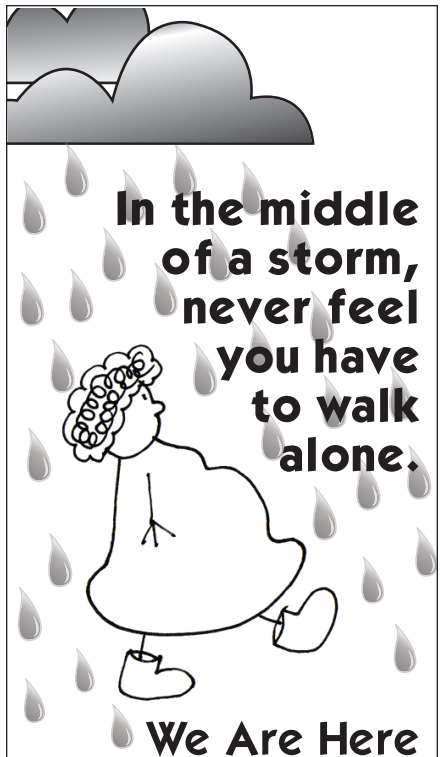
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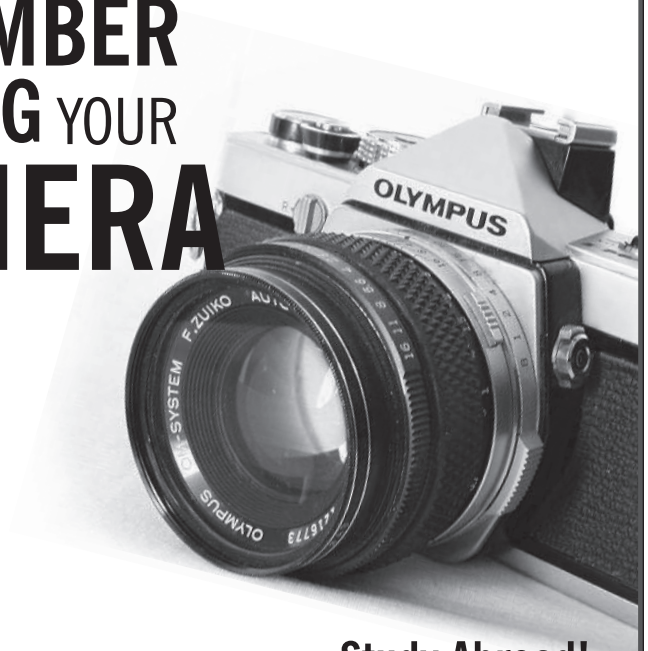
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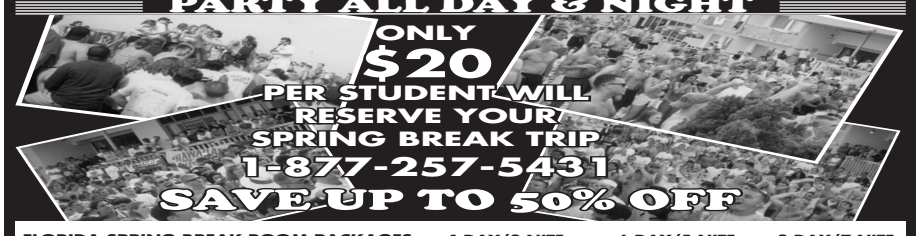
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What it means to be white | Discussing our white privilege

Chad Cartier
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For many white folks, the question of "What does it mean to be white?" is both perplexing and seemingly trivial. However, ask a person of color what it means to be black, Latino or Hmong in this community and you can be sure to get a substantive answer. My experience as both a presenter and facilitator on the subject of white privilege has forced me to rethink my approach to the topic. The responses I have received and the feedback left by participants suggests that there are multiple layers to this issue.

Whenever I introduce the topic of white privilege to an audience, there appears to be an observable reluctance, indicated by silence. It is as if, by omission, each white person is asking, "Aren't we supposed to be talking about the struggles of marginalized groups?" The apparent confusion experienced by white folks becomes clearer in some of the reactions I have received. Some would suggest that race is a black, Latino or Asian issue, rather than a white issue. Other folks have reacted with sarcastic concessions of "white supremacy" and claimed to be victims of reverse racism. Still others have wondered in earnest how their own struggling family is benefiting from any type of privilege.

In most cases, it is safe to say that for participants the discussion precipitates strong feelings of guilt, sadness, anger and reluctance, or a combination of them. I share my experience not out of naiveté, but to suggest to all of you, participants and facilitators alike, and whoever is concerned with multicultural awareness, that we need to recalibrate our efforts. It seems to me that we should be dealing with the reluctance and feelings of guilt that generally preclude further exploration—this is ground zero of the conversation.

It has been my observation that we spend too much of our time inviting others to learn about another culture, to become familiar with the idiosyncrasies specific to a group of people. In this case, the multicultural soup du jour ranges from Darfur and the diamond trade to common racial epithets and the long struggle of the Native American. Each of these issues represents an important humanitarian concern and certainly one fit for a discussion of multiculturalism. However, each of these issues has something else in common—they have to do with the other.

We have tended to couch multicultural issues as something that goes on "out there," outside of Euro-white contemporary history and sphere of influence. It is my opinion that knowledge of the other is not enough. It is a necessary, but insufficient, ingredient for change on its own. By focusing on the other we are able to indulge our desire to fight for the underdog and concern ourselves with marginalization/oppression, without having to jump into the inferno ourselves. We engage the issue on our terms, based on what is comfortable for us.

We must clarify the contemporary struggle against prejudice and racism. These days, the struggle is not primarily against the overt "old-fashioned" versions of racism, as these forms have slowly drifted towards the fringes of society. The modern-day struggle against prejudice takes place in the most unlikely of places. The ugly and alarming fact is that the most hurtful forms of racism now come from well-intentioned, well-meaning, liberal-minded white folks. This evolved form of racism is unawareness.

Most white folks are unaware of their privilege or have misconstrued its understanding to only mean personal fortune or material wealth. They are, for the most part, in agreement that racism and prejudice must end, but fail to see their connection to the problem - even refuse to see their connection. It is this insidious and impalpable form of racism—racism a la unawareness—we must confront. It has become the dark matter of multiculturalism, seemingly invisible to the naked eye, despite its omnipresent and inescapable effect.

And so, I have been left to wonder whether there was something real and important lurking under those cries of reverse racism. Could it be that under those cries—the genesis of our reluctance—laid feelings of pain and hurt? After all, what would it mean if it were true? What would it mean to accept the realities lived by people of color? What would it mean if by virtue of our being white, of living in a white majority culture, we have not only inherited a dark past, but all the accompanying prejudices and crimes against liberty, all of which happened without our consent, without our knowledge, but nonetheless necessitates our responsibility? There could be no argument that this would be a heavy cross to bear. Yet, this is the state of affairs we have inherited.

It finally became clear to me that we need to, first and foremost, understand what is meant by privilege. When we refer to privilege, we refer not merely to wealth, material fortune, or undeserved social standing, but rather to the privilege that we have to choose whether or not we will subject ourselves to the realities of race. People of color do not have this choice. Racism and its deleterious effects are an always present, ubiquitous reality for people of color.

James Baldwin once suggested that if white folks were to see the world as it really is—to peer into the realities of people of color—they would find the stars in their universe aflame, and their sense of reality violently shaken. Voyaging into the crucible of white identity, including the accompanying long and ugly arm of history, can be an overwhelming experience. As we begin the journey there will be many conflicted thoughts and feelings, to be sure. At times the process may seem too overwhelming, as strong emotions roll over you like an army of steamrollers. For those who choose to explore the depths of their reality, their identity and their history, they may begin the daunting journey towards one day being released from history's smothering grip.

Therefore, the most important question becomes not what it means to be white or what it would mean if the experiences of people of color were true, but what it would mean for all of humanity if white folks could choose to abandon all such questions. Thus, the choice is ours—the privilege to choose is ours—and the consequences dire for all involved. Indeed, James, the stars are aflame; we only need to summon forth our fortitude and muster the courage to look up.

High and mighty or down and dirty?

The search for middle ground

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Opinions Editor

"Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate and my future children to be sexually abstinent from this day until the day I enter a Biblical marriage relationship."

This is the pledge of True Love Waits, an abstinence-until-marriage advocacy group. For you to profess this plan, they offer chastity rings for sale on their Web site. Now, some of them are rather pretty, but here are my thoughts on "purity" rings:

Wearing a chastity ring is just as tacky as wearing a ring with a number four on it, and when someone asks you what that means, you smile and tell them, "That's the number of sexual partners I've had."

I dislike chastity rings and complete-abstinence-until-marriage pledges on principle, so I guess I can't claim to be unbiased here. Being someone who sees nothing wrong with sexual activity before marriage, I don't like what they stand for.

But first, I want to clarify: I see nothing wrong if you've chosen to postpone sex until marriage. Go ahead, it's your choice. I just have a problem when you take it to the next level and start insisting that there's something wrong and dirty about sex, and that you're a better person for avoiding it.

I want to know something: Why judge someone's moral character on their sexual history? What does sex have to do with being a good person? Is someone's insistence that their lack of participation in an arbitrary activity – sex – before an arbitrary date – marriage, whenever that is – evidence of them being "better" than me? Why such distaste for a biological function?

But – most importantly – where do you get the right to judge someone else's sexuality as immoral? Why do you care? I find people who focus on controlling other people's sex lives to be creepy, honestly. What business is it of yours?

This movement isn't about avoiding just sex, though. True Love Waits' Web site states this:

"Until you are married, sexual purity means saying no to sexual intercourse, oral sex and even sexual touching. It means saying no to a physical relationship that causes you to be "turned on" sexually. It means not looking at pornography or pictures that feed sexual thoughts."

Jesus Christ! No sexual touching? What is defined as "sexual" touching? Would it include holding hands (fingers intertwined may lead to the sinful thoughts of bodies intertwining) or hugging (full-frontal body contact – you cannot get more sexual than that)? And it's forbidden to be in a relationship with someone you find physically attractive? No pictures that conjure lustful thinking? Um, have these people met (or been) a teenager? Good luck with that.

This concept of "purity" is bunk. There isn't one facet of this "purity" movement I can focus on. It all makes me want to bang my head on the next wall I see. Virginity is not a "gift" nor is it a personality trait. Someone's lack of virginity will not somehow make them less intelligent, less of a good person, less able to hold a conversation or any less of a human being.

Honestly, this movement is one of the most ridiculous ideas I've ever heard. Delaying sex until marriage is one thing, but shutting yourself off to any form of healthy sexuality is something completely different. Your sexuality is your own business, and advertising your lack of it is just as cheap as bragging about your conquests.

My love-hate relationship with Wal-Mart

Haley Clapp
UW-Stout student contributor

Coming from a suburb of over 40,000 people and having the luxury of never driving more than 10 minutes to reach a Target, it was somewhat of a culture shock when I started living in Menomonie. Not only do you have to drive 30 minutes to get to a Target, but the retailer that dominates Menomonie, and therefore the majority of University of Wisconsin-Stout students, is not Target but, you guessed it, Wal-Mart.

To say that I am a fan of Target would be an understatement. It's probably my favorite place on Earth. In fact, I got a job working there over the summer which, as I see it, consisted of me getting paid to be somewhere I would have been 95 percent of the time anyway. So, when I moved to Menomonie and started shopping at Wal-Mart, I felt like I had betrayed Target, like I was a cheater in our 10-year relationship. Shopping at Wal-Mart was not always my choice, but when friends are running out to get groceries, Wal-Mart is always the destination. I tried to avoid it, instead shopping at Marketplace and K-Mart, but they really couldn't compete. Don't get me wrong, I like spreading around my business, but Wal-Mart does typically have lower prices, and being a broke college student, my pride is not worth that much. This brings me to my love-hate relationship with the superstore.

If anyone is familiar with the "South Park" episode regarding "Wall-Mart" they know what the store can do to local towns and communities. A 2005 study by an economist from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that "the average Wal-Mart store reduces earnings per person by five percent in the county in which it operates." Wal-Mart is also notorious for putting smaller, ma-and-pop stores out of business. In Maine, existing businesses lost over 10 percent of their market in 80 percent of the towns where Wal-Mart opened stores.

Wal-Mart has also been criticized for harming the environment, paying workers too little to live off of and causing taxpayers to pay upwards of $2.5 billion in financial assistance because the workers' wages are so low. Wal-Mart has also moved in on sacred grounds, and was faced with criticism when it started construction on a site that contained 150 graves in 1997 and another with 60 graves in 2003, which violated state law concerning the protection of preservation of human remains and desecration of graves. And if you think this is bad, wakeupwalmart.com, which calls itself "America's Campaign to Change Wal-Mart," has a plethora of Wal-Mart facts and stories behind the dirty business tactics used by the corporation.

So, with all these pitfalls of Wal-Mart, why do we still find ourselves going back for more? For me, the convenience of a 24-hour store is rewarding (something I wish Target would catch on to). The selection is also superior over other grocers in Menomonie, and it's easy one-stop shopping for the busy lifestyle of a college student. Although I have been a hater in the past and I know Wal-Mart has caused harm as a company, it's hard to remember that when Ben and Jerry's pints are on sale for $2.75. After all, if you can't beat them, join them, since it looks like Wal-Mart won't be going anywhere anytime soon. You won't find me strolling down the aisles in my free time, but it's safe to say I'll still buy selected things there, despite their tainted reputation. But shhh, don't tell Target.

Catholic Times | A response to the Catholic Times stance on gay marriage

Rob Przywoiski
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My first memories of the church are probably from when I was around four years old. Every week, I'd look forward to being crammed into the family's dented Ford station wagon and driving to a place that I called the "Bong House." At first glance, the "Bong House" does not sound like a place where you'd take your children. Ever. But for a small child, a massive church that rang "bing bong" on the dot of every hour was the best place on earth. At this "Bong House," I was treated to a variety of toys, discovered an amazing new concept called sharing and I began to understand that not everything in life is about me. We children were taught "The Golden Rule."

Things have changed a lot since then, and fortunately, I have grown out of using the term "Bong House." Over the past 16 years, I have always tried to remember to follow this "Golden Rule" and there is something that I am specifically applying it to today.

Gay marriage is probably the most misunderstood topic among our nation. Catholic schooling has taught me that allowing two men or two women to marry is an abomination in the Catholic Church, and I should not tolerate it. However, the "Golden Rule" that I have been taught since I was four years old restrains me from having such opinions, and I am in complete disbelief of how my religion, an institution structured upon selflessness and love, cannot back up its statements.The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1935 states:

"The equality of men rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it: Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design."

How can a Catholic read such a statement, and then vote "yes" on something like Proposition 8? It is clear that the Catholic Church does not recognize gay marriage. However, isn't it wrong that the Catholic Church is telling people that, regardless of their religion, two men or women should not be allowed to marry? The right that gay men and women are fighting for is not to become married within the Roman Catholic Church, but the right to gain any sense of the permanent bond that all straight couples are blessed with by the state. If a Catholic is going to vote against a marriage outside of his or her church, then he or she should also be protesting against the marriages of Jews, Buddhists, Muslims and any other alternate religion's form of bond between two people. However, whenever the Church makes a statement about the topic of gay marriage, it seems that the assertion of equal rights in the Catechism is completely defenestrated. American Catholic states:

A 47-Bishop Committee reported to the Catholic News Service:

"The importance of marriage for children and for society is under attack in U.S. courts and legislatures and in popular culture and entertainment media, which often undermine or ignore the essential role of marriage and promote equivalence between marriage and homosexual relationships."

Upon reading statements like these, it seems to me that the church is saying that the love between two people is going to rip families apart and wreak havoc upon our nation. We have learned from the past six months in California and the past four years in Massachusetts that gay marriages will not destroy family values.

However, we do know that what rips families apart and wreaks havoc upon our nation is teaching children that certain people cannot have the same rights as other people. An example of this includes the segregation laws among the black and white communities up until the 1970s. It was not until the late 1960s that laws banning interracial marriages were completely lifted from the states, and the Catholic Church was involved with pushing for this lift because they believed that love has nothing to do with the race of a person.

Therefore, I call upon any person reading this who is married to remember the excitement, the happiness and the love that ensued upon knowing you would be married, and I ask: Why you would ever want to ban that happiness, that excitement and that love from another human being? Why must marriage remain so exclusive to straight couples? As a Catholic who has been taught all of your life to tend to other's needs, what makes you feel that you have the position to deny the right of marriage and love to another human being? If you still have the same opinion of negating gay marriage up to this moment, then maybe you should consider relearning the ideas taught to four-year-olds at Sunday School.

letters to the editor

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Letters to the editor

Is this fair?
In response to Death by 40,001 magic brownies

I must say you did a wonderful job getting down to the facts and proving that marijuana is not a bad drug. “Why is pot illegal?” Well, the documentary “Grass” gives us a good look into the history of marijuana criminalization. It goes into great detail of why Americans began to disapprove of the drug, how it became illegal, how much the U.S. spends on “the war on marijuana” and much, much more. It is very informational, and I think anyone out there who would like to know more about the history and government influence in criminalizing weed will enjoy this movie. I believe we need to come together and take back our rights to smoke weed. It doesn’t matter if you use the drug or not, it’s the point that we don’t have the right to make a personal decision over something so meager yet we can choose to drink alcohol or take prescription drugs that are much worse! Keep up the good work!

Chris
In response to Death by 40,001 magic brownies

Great title! and you touched on a great point... it would make financial sense for the United States to legalize it to a point, especially since there wouldn’t be a rise in crime due to public use. Actually, there would be a huge decline; those cops using their time busting kids in dorm rooms could be doing more responsible things with their time ... like finding the meth labs. Maybe they just don’t want the challenge.

Samantha
In response to That Poor Pawn

I am writing a letter in regards to the article “That Poor Pawn” featured in this week’s Stoutonia. I personally couldn’t agree more with what Tiffany Willits’ wrote. I occasionally go to the Pawn, but never usually eat there for the simple fact that it’s not a very “inviting” place. It looks as though someone was given a bunch of old sports equipment, calendar pictures and some other miscellaneous items and decide to hang it on the wall. The Commons is receiving a update, and I believe that it is about time for The Pawn to get one too.

Emily
In response to The Perfect Woman

Yes, Jill; the arrogance is sadly unbelievable. Let me explain, boys. Your “guys” might think you some sort of manly for lusting over the objectified human being in the photo, but the self-respecting women that Jill speaks of deems you rudely desperate and nauseatingly disgusting.

Obviously, your hormones are overcome by the female body, but hasn’t your brain developed enough to realize what this is doing to your reputation among the opposite gender? Whether this “perfect woman” exists or not, if you really want to get some, you might think about what a turnoff it is for a girl to walk into a your room and imagine (against her will, of course) what you’ve been doing alone with that magazine that’s sitting on your night-stand. Haven’t you college boys developed beyond your fifth grade sex drive yet?

Aaron Triphan
In response to Think about your life

I want to personally challenge you. It’s a healthy challenge. Some of you may become offended, maybe even slightly angry. That’s okay. My purpose for writing this was not to make you angry. But sometimes the things that we don’t WANT to hear are in fact the things that we NEED to hear. I want to challenge the way you think, the way you view yourself, your life.

When was the last time you sat back in a quiet place and truly examined your life? “What does he mean by that?” you might be thinking. What I mean is, how often do you examine what you believe, what you hold to be true, what you have established as values to guide you through your life? Please re-read the last sentence, slower this time. “Don’t even go there” you may be saying. You may be thinking “I know what I believe and I am just fine without re-hashing my value system. My mind has already been made up.” I urge you, read on.

Do we simply believe whatever makes us feel good or makes us comfortable? Do we truly know the answers to all of life’s important questions, or are the so-called answers we accept merely distractions from the truth; keeping us at ease and our conscious in a relaxed state of being?

I only am allowed 250 words, so please be expecting (with the permission of the newspaper editors) other challenges to come. Don’t cheat yourself, take my questions seriously.



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1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$370	$370	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$410	$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, parking, very close to campus	A
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1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
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2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	115 West Main Street	$370	$185	n/a	n/a	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	$395	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
2	1	1502 10th Street	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	D
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	$545	$273	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	$425	$142	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	$500	$167	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	915 Main Street	$540	$180	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
3	1	1311 South Broadway	$555	$185	n/a	n/a	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street	$595	$198	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	$685	$171	$860	$215	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$700	$175	$880	$220	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	$750	$188	$930	$233	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	$750	$188	$900	$225	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4	1	1215 10th Street	$780	$195	$930	$233	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	$795	$199	$945	$236	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1	2235 South Broadway	$800	$200	$1,000	$250	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
4	2	400 18th Avenue	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garage	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	512 19th Avenue W	$750	$150	$950	$190	Large split-level, 2 living rooms, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	405 20th Avenue	$900	$180	$1,100	$220	Nice, modern house, remodeled, W/D, attached garage	H
6	2	504 10th Street	$800	$133	$1,080	$180	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	$900	$150	$1,180	$197	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,250	$208	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	1311 South Broadway	$1,035	$173	$1,310	$218	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,000	$167	$1,200	$200	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	$1,200	$200	$1,500	$250	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$980	$140	$1240	$177	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H

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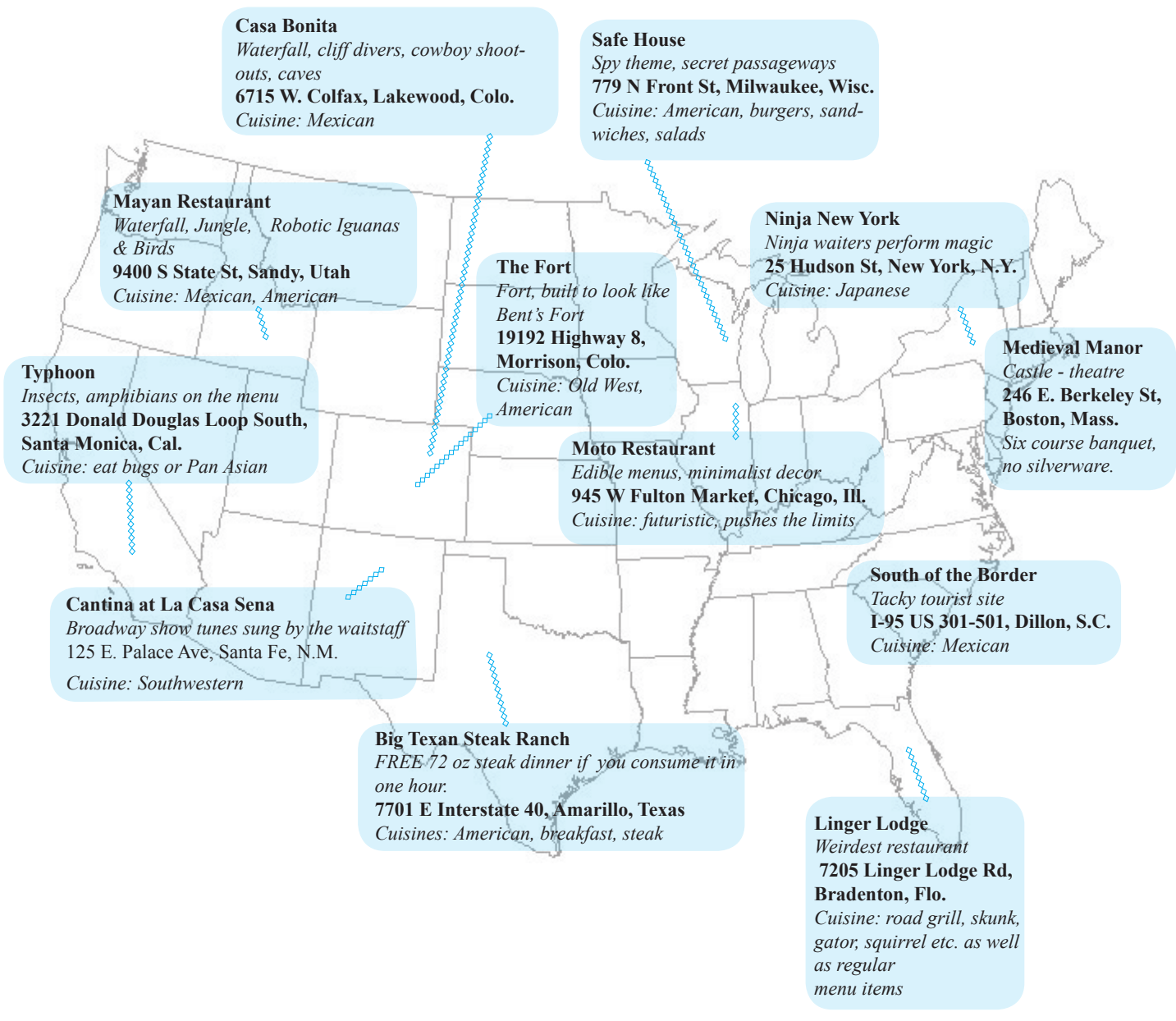
Ashely Smolen
Entertainment Editor

The whole point of spring break is to have an adventure like never before. Whether this means flying to sunny Mexico or camping out in front of the TV with a pile of video games, the chance has never been greater to expand the idea of an adventure to ideas of food as well.

For those whose stomachs are never completely full, spring break offers the opportunity to trek cross-country, exploring the culinary dive-bar that is the restaurants of the United States. Don't be fooled by bright lights and busy streets, however. Sometimes, the greatest meals come from the most unlikely of places. It takes a brave soul to submit to the wonders of restaurant exploration, but as taste bud-testing and appetite-questioning as the endeavors may be, the payout is often greater and more satisfying than could've ever been imagined on one plate.

Great food and spring break provide the best opportunities in life to take leaps and try something out of the norm. With that in mind, consider spending spring break away from the crowds and drunken atmosphere of crazy hot-spots, and consider piling into the car with some great music, fun friends and embarking on a cross-country journey of stomach pleasing experiences.

The restauranteur.com Web site provides an extensive list of unique restaurants that will likely raise an eyebrow while providing meals that will not soon be forgotten. From Wisconsin to Texas and New York to Santa Montica, each state has something to offer.



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Charlie Parr

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Great American Taxi
9:30 p.m. $6

Saturday, Mar. 7
Funky Monks: Red Hot Chili Peppers Experience
10 p.m. $7

Saturday, Mar. 21
John Wayne and the Pain

Friday, Mar. 27
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Upcoming Album Releases

Tuesday, Mar. 10

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Tarlton

Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

Tarlton, the enigmatic one-man band, creates a rhythmic flow of dynamic electro-rock with its latest EP "The Papa Theses." Brett Bullion emerged into the music scene at 17 with his first band, Tiki Obmar, and has stayed there ever since. The now 24-year-old Bullion brings the drums into new light under the name "Tarlton." Based in Minneapolis under the label of Afternoon Records, Bullion has finished "The Papa Theses" EP (to be released March 10) and is currently working on the rest of the album. When finished, "The Papa Theses" will be Tarlton's second album, following its 2005 album "Van."

"The Papa Theses" creates an intensely powerful atmosphere. Bullion used only a single drum kit and laptop to produce his complex, deep rhythmic melodies. In this new EP, Bullion abandons all vocals and makes instrumental sounds the sole focus of his music. The repetitive electronic sounds, coupled with Bullion's uncanny ability to create original percussion measures, results in vibrant songs that keep the listener engaged.

The three songs on the EP, "Overport," "Papa Theses" and "Bol," are all exceedingly long, with the last being the shortest at eight minutes. These seem like extraordinarily lengthy songs, especially because they lack vocals, but the changes in rhythm and time throughout keep them interesting. On top of that, Bullion has a talent for generating an ever-changing mood. His songs start light with somber mood, continually build to create a wonderful tension and finally ease back into nonexistence.

The synthetic tones in these songs give them an almost Pink Floyd-ish quality, which is hard not to love. It is very mellow music. The numerous electric sounds and percussion make "The Papa Theses" an excellent choice for relaxation. Compared to his first album, Bullion has definitely varied the sounds to make things less repetitive and to keep the listener captivated. Unfortunately, his calming voice isn't anywhere on "The Papa Theses," but the music still slows life down for a bit.

If you want to get a feel for what Tarlton's music is like and to experience Bullion's magic before you buy the EP, be sure to look online for some pretty entertaining videos.

I would say that, overall, "The Papa Theses" EP is a success. I would highly recommend this to anyone who is looking for music that creates a powerful ambience that can penetrate any space where it is played. The closest space you'll find Tarlton in upcoming weeks is at 7th Street Entry in Minneapolis on Friday, March 13. Check it out before you head on spring break! For more of Tarlton, go to tarltonmusic.com.

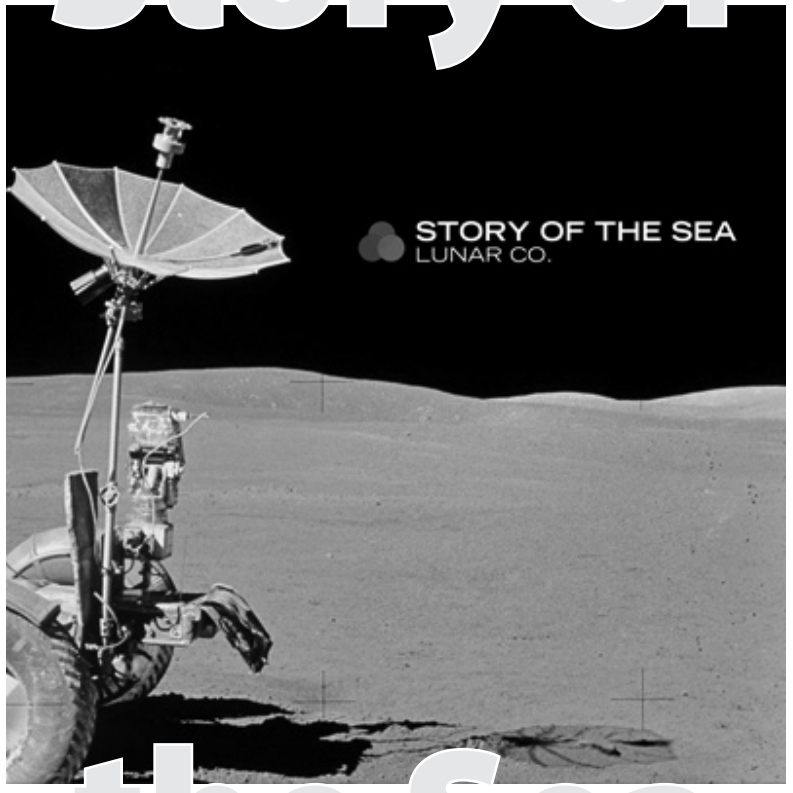
At a glance:

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Story of the Sea

Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

Story of the Sea—or should it be called "Story of Two Brothers"?—cannot be confused with Story of the Year, the crappy band with a similar name. Story of the Sea's Adam and Ian Price grew up in a musical household, and it apparently rubbed off on them. After separating for several years to do some soul-searching in the music industry, the brothers reunited and formed Story of the Sea. Originally starting as a two-person band, the brothers decided to add two more members. Now the band is at four, with Adam Price on vocals and guitar, younger brother Ian on the drums, Jon McEwen on bass and Damon Kalar on second guitar. With this crew, they released their latest album, "Lunar Co.," in January.

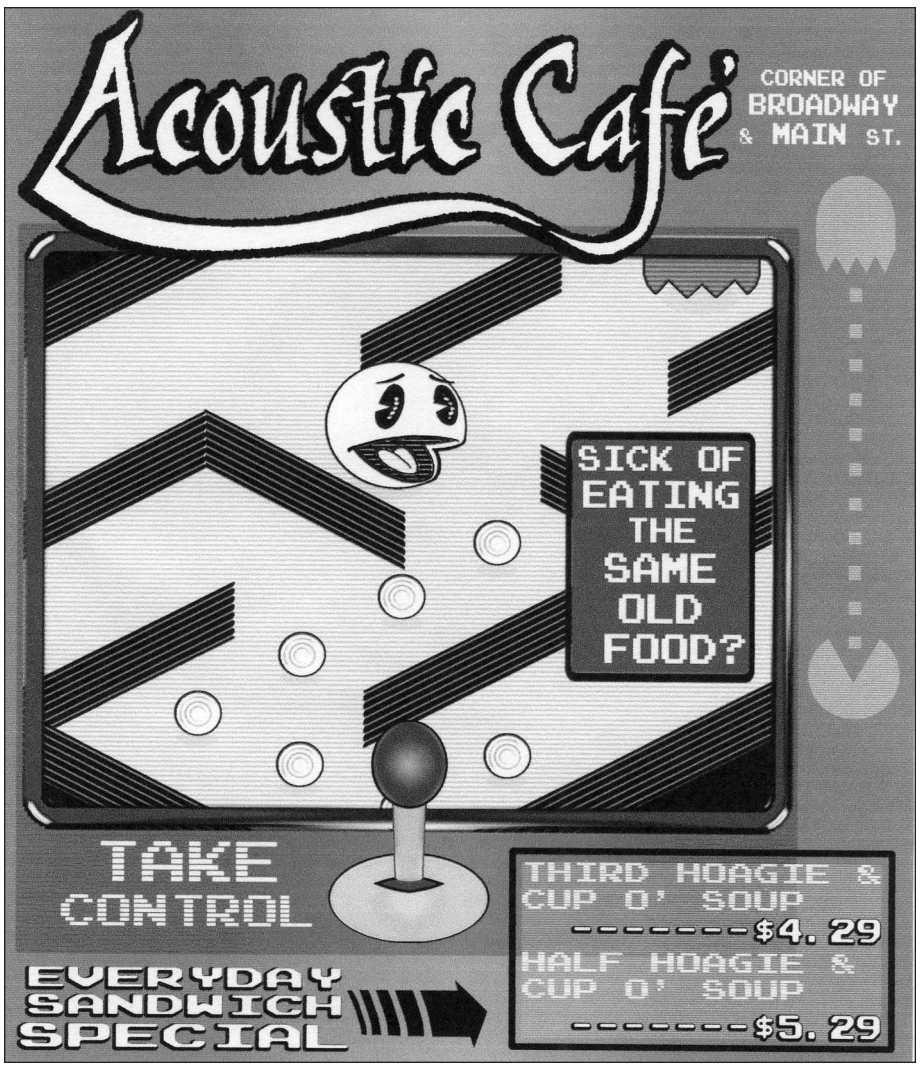
If you're one of the many out there who believe the 90s were one of the greatest ages of rock, you won't be disappointed with "Lunar Co." The album has a varied song list that includes energetic songs like "I'd Like to Meet You" and "Beast," but also smooth rock ballads such as "Downtown" and "Royal Blue."

Story of the Sea has the wonderful capability to captivate its audiences with unique timing and vocals. I would compare Adam Price's singing style to Julian Casablancas or Albert Hammond Jr. of The Strokes, but the guitar is a bit edgier than them. If you can imagine a mellow The Strokes, you've got Story of the Sea.

It's hard to categorize the genre of Story of the Sea because their style incorporates aspects of varying genres, but their sound is not so distinguishable that it is possible to put them into their own genre.

Some people out there might argue that Story of the Sea's lyrics are lacking and leave us wishing there were more, but I would respectfully disagree. I believe that their simple and generalized lyrics are a contour fit to their subdued musical style.

Story of the Sea's "Lunar Co." is definitely worth a listen. Their upbeat rhythms allow you to dance in your car and can put you in a good mood. They may remind you of the bands you listened to in high school and will make you want to listen to this album over and over again. If you want to see Story of the Sea live, they will be playing at an ovarian cancer benefit at Trocederos in Minneapolis on Friday, April 3.



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A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas
Staff Writer

A girl's perfect childhood is destroyed when her father is kidnapped by a ruthless criminal businessman, Bison (played by Neal McDonough). When she grows up, she uses the skills she was taught in kung-shoo, or some kind of probably made-up martial arts style, to reclaim her father from his prison in the basement of criminal businessman's house. Criminal businessman introduces crime to a neighborhood, then buys up the land that is now being sold at a rock-bottom price because of the crime. His evil plot is to build nice houses on this slum land. Girl's father is being used for his strong ties to powerful businessmen.

During her adventure, girl, whose name is Chun-Li (played by Kristin Kreuk) meets a former member of Bison's gang who has reformed his evil ways and becomes her master. He trains her how to fight even better, and also to generate a ball of light between her hands to throw at people. Will Chun-Li defeat Bison?

A.J.: This movie was as bad as expected, but no worse. Its storyline was weak, acting was poor and even the fighting was fairly boring. Also, for some reason, everyone in it was a master at martial arts. The modern trend of using more realistic fighting styles is a good thing. It looks more like fighting and less like dancing. This movie reverted back to the old ways, where it looks like the actors were having a dance-off rather than a fight.

Neal McDonough was probably the worst of the bunch, with his poor impression of an Irish accent he sometimes used, sometimes forgot about. Kristin Kreuk was okay and seemed to work with what she had as best she could. The rest were thoroughly forgettable.

"Street Fighter" had all the elements one would expect. There was a main character who wanted revenge, a master who brought this character up to par for an epic battle and, of course, the epic battle between good and evil.

For some reason, the fact that the main character was a woman improved what would otherwise be just another martial arts movie. Maybe the gracefulness of the choreography seemed more appropriate for a woman.

The main problem with the movie was that with a little firearms training, most of the hand fighting would have been unnecessary. If Chun-Li had been equipped with an AK-47 instead of balls of light to throw at people, she would have won her fights much quicker. We don't live in the fifteenth century anymore.
Rating: 3.5/10

Katie: I wasn't expecting a whole lot from "Street Fighter," so I was pleasantly surprised to find that it wasn't horrible, but I wouldn't go as far to say that it was good. The plot wasn't anything new, but it was well done by developing a story and building relationships between the main characters. Kristin Kreuk did a good job acting and pulling off the bad-ass, revenging seeking martial arts master.

It also had some really bad characters/acting, i.e Chris Klein as Charlie Nash, the cool cop. Being a somewhat well-known actor, I was very disappointed by his performance, but to give him a little credit, the character he played was cheesy and packed-full with cliché lines.

The hand-to-hand combat scenes were impressive in some parts, but they also seemed very short and very choreographed. The sound effects during the fight scenes were annoying. With every punch to the stomach it sounded like someone was breaking 25 bones.

If you really want to see this movie, I recommend saving your $8.50 and renting it.
Rating: 4/10

Stop-n-shop express



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

Is your ramen supply running dangerously low? Are you so tired of dorm food that you would give anything to eat at a restaurant? Does a lack of money leave you without money for gas or a car in general?

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Whether you are in need of new socks or just something to do on a Saturday afternoon, the Stop-n-Shop Express is an opportunity to get off of campus.

Fired Up: it's definitely worth being excited about



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A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas
Staff Writers

Two cool high school guys decide their school's pool of girls has run dry and wish to find a new pool. Instead of going to football camp that will be girl-free for weeks, they decide, through an unlikely series of events, that they will join the cheer squad and go to cheer camp, where they will be drowning in girls. The head cheerleader knows their motives and disapproves, but the guys charm the rest of the squad into letting them join.

A.J.: The plot is fairly simple: two best friends whose only goal is to get as many girls as possible go to where the pickings are good. They claim the only reason they joined the football team was to get girls, so now they're cutting out the middleman and going directly to the cheerleaders.

The two main characters, Shawn (played by Nicholas D'Agosto), and Nick (played by Eric Olsen), have good camaraderie and seem like they've been friends for a long time. They play off each other well, and, considering they're about 30 in real life, are probably perfect for the role.

The story isn't anything new: two immature guys learn that what they do hurts people and they should think about reforming their ways. The skeptical head cheerleader, Carly (played by Sarah Roemer) and Shawn begin to have some chemistry, but she has a jerk of a boyfriend he has to convince her to get rid of. The guys start to really care about the team and doing well, and there's a final cheer-off where they try to defeat their arch-rivals.

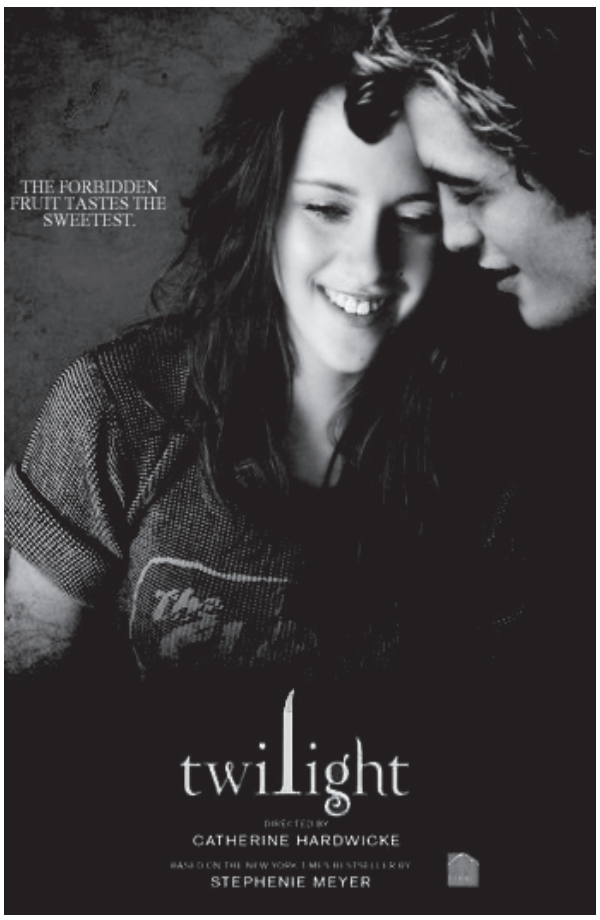
Though it was simple, it was entertaining enough, and funny at times. High schoolers would probably be more entertained by this movie, however. Go to it if you want to laugh a little and don't have anything better to do.
Rating: 6/10

Katie: "Fired Up!" is a basic comedy about two horny teenage boys with good looks, athleticism, snide remarks and one genius plan to obtain the typical male fantasy. The start of the movie may make some audience members uncomfortable, but the moral of the story will make up for its chauvinist beginning.

The thing that saves this movie is the characters/actors, specifically, the bond between the two main characters seems very believable and valid. The friendships and rivalries between the rest of the characters also seem convincing.

The movie's plot is formulistic and the sexual comedy used can seem immature and awkward at times, but overall it was amusing. It is basically "Wedding Crashers" mixed with "Bring It On," but only those in high school/early twenties will truly find this movie funny and interesting.
Rating: 6/10

In the Twilight | how Blue Devil Productions rocked my night



www.camdenschools.org

Emily Janssen
Staff Writer

Maybe you've been uncertain or are left in a state of twilight about coming to these events, but if you haven't hit up the Blue Devil Productions Friday night movie events yet, let me illuminate you about the last event. I can assure you that the crowd was as hot as the steamy forest scene in the movie.

Because going to the featured film, "Twilight" was my first experience with Blue Devil Productions movie events, I had no idea what to expect. To my surprise, Applied Arts Room 210, the lecture hall that holds approximately 200 people, was packed with students when I snuck in the back door a few minutes late. I had to resort to one of the extra chairs set up in the very last row, but at least my neck wasn't craned back in agony as it may have been, had I sat in the front. Throughout the movie, I couldn't help but find myself caught up in the sentimental feeling of college life. The frequent sound of laughter rippled through the stadium seating with the faint smell of buttered popcorn and my jeans pocket left with $10 peacefully detained since the event was (every college student's favorite word) free! "What more could one ask for?" I thought to myself. "How could I not have taken advantage of these showings before?"

The movie "Twilight," based on Stephenie Meyer's best-selling multivolume series, "The Twilight Saga," demonstrated the typical movie-replicated-after-a-book: underdeveloped characters in a plot chock-full of excitement and dramatic scenes. Bella, played by Kristen Stewart, is an awkward, yet witty, new girl in high school, accepted by the in-crowd, yet intrigued by the outsiders. In particular, she had her eye on the dreamy, dark and handsome Edward Cullen, played by Robert Pattinson who absolutely could not resist her appetizing and tantalizing scent. He sounds like a creeper, I know, but he's actually a vampire, so his infatuation with her smell isn't entirely bizarre and gross. Of course, those who hadn't read the book, including myself, unfortunately, could never truly understand the depth and beauty of this profound love story.

Check out the movie if you enjoy an entertaining plot line, an awkward love story and scenes that make your stomach flip and attempt to regurgitate your food. One student, Justin Popp, an applied math and computer science senior, recalls feeling thoroughly nauseated due to one blood sucking scene. "I don't like the sight of blood, so the fact that someone was sucking the blood out of another is not something I want to think about or see again. I wouldn't necessarily say it was gross, but it left me uneasy and in the perfect position to vomit all over the students sitting ahead of me," Popp said.

Scope the Blue Devil Productions scene if you are looking to hit up a hot spot for college students without breaking the bank.

At a glance:

Next showings:

"Milk"
Friday, March 6
6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

"King of Kong"
Advisement Day, March 31
3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Location: Room 210, Applied Arts

Heiruspecs: bringing hip-hop back

Kitty Cotten
Staff Writer

Heiruspecs, a five-piece instrumental hip hop group, will be making its way back to The Waterfront Bar & Grill on Saturday, March 7 in Menomonie, Wis. Doors open at 9 p.m. to those who are 21 and older. Cover charge is five dollars.

Heiruspecs originated from a music recording class at St. Paul Central High School in 1997. Ten years after its birth, St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman declared Dec. 22 "Heiruspecs Day."

"We started out playing in high school in St. Paul to a crowd of hip-hop kids, thug kids, nerd kids and honor students," Twinkie Jiggles (bass) said. "Eventually, the school paper wrote about us and said we were the best band out of Central High since Mint Condition."

"Small Steps" is an early record from Heiruspecs which debuted in 2002. Two years later, they released "A Tiger Dancing." After its release and a near-fatal van accident, the band took a hiatus from touring and producing music together. The members were reunited in 2007 to celebrate their decade-old existence and released "Ten Years Strong."

Heiruspecs' current album "Heiruspecs," is receiving rave reviews. "City Pages" called the record "their best album yet" and featured the band in its Dec. 3, 2008 cover article. The "Star Tribune" called the album "the band's funkiest masterpiece."

The underground-style rap group brings to mind artists like Atmosphere, The Roots, Jurassic 5 and Run DMC.

"We're influenced by sampler-based production, old-school rhyming and real life," said Felix (MC). "But we do everything live, nothing is sampled and we like to keep it song-oriented to give equal space to the lyrics and the music." Members include Felix (MC), Muad'dib (MC and sounds), Twinkie Jiggles (bass), dVRG (keys), Peter Leggett (drums) and Josh Peterson (guitar).

You can listen to free streaming MP3s of Heiruspecs' music on their Myspace page at www.myspace.com/heiruspecs, where you can also check out a full listing of their spring tour.



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Open mic at the Raw Deal

The quarterly White Pine open-stage/open-microphone event will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 22 at the Raw Deal restaurant and coffee house, 603 S. Broadway, Menomonie.

Area musicians, poets, and storytellers are invited to share their talents, and anyone can join the audience. A sound system will be provided, including a digital piano for this event. Performers will be asked to observe a 10-minute time limit. A modest $2.00 cover charge is used for production expenses. Food and beverages will be available from the Raw Deal menu.

White Pine is a community-based opportunity for local performing artists to share their work. It has been in continuous operation for 18 years: the longest-running open stage in the region. It is maintained and presented entirely by volunteers from Menomonie and the region. Patrick Pesek-Herriges is the host for the March 22 performance. He can be reached at 715-235-0882, or by email to pesek-herriges@att.net. A host for the next event will be recruited during the performance.

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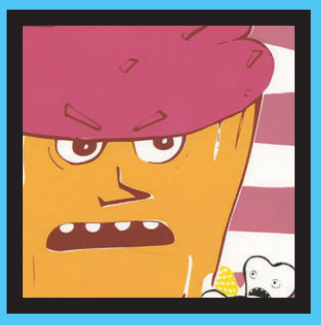
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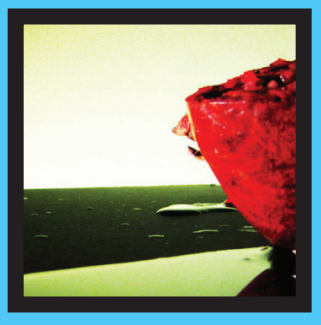
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Hockey team reaches NCHA Peters Cup final

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

The further the postseason progresses, the more I wonder whether this year's hockey team can even comprehend how to lose as the hot-streak they rode into the season's end has carried them through the conference tournament and into the championship game for the second consecutive year.

The Blue Devils opened up the National Collegiate Hockey Association tournament with an opening round best-of-two series against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The University of Wisconsin- Stout had swept UW-Eau Claire during the regular season and faced them in back-to-back playoff games. If either of those games had tied, an additional 20-minute period would have been played.

The first contest with UW-Eau Claire had a familiar theme about it as UW-Stout found themselves down 3-1 at the start of the third period. It's almost as if Coach Watkins is using the come-from-behind tactic as a coaching tendency, because it's something his players certainly respond well to.

Igniting the comeback engine, Blue Devils' Joel Gaulrapp and Jeff Wheeler knocked in two goals apiece to swing the game back in UW-Stout's favor.

The 5-3 victory was the third over UW-Eau Claire this season, with the opportunity to increase that win total coming the following day.

After narrowly escaping a 0-1 deficit to start the tournament, the Blue Devils found themselves sitting one game up at the start of the playoffs. The next game against UW-Eau Claire would make or break the Blugolds, so the Blue Devils made sure to have their wits about them.

The first period provided the forecast of a close game and it was exactly that as the teams battled their way to a 1-1 tie before the first intermission. The tie was held all throughout the second period and it appeared UW-Eau Claire was going to be able to sneak in a goal, given that they outshot the Blue Devils nearly 2 to 1.

Due to its come-from-behind tendencies, a sense of worry seemed to come about UW-Eau Claire as it looked up at the scoreboard entering the third period and saw that UW-Stout was not in the lead.

This had previously been the case for a multitude of games and, in an overwhelming majority of them, UW-Stout would find a way to win.

Still hanging onto the tie with seven minutes and change, two-time player of the week Joel Gaulrapp continued the proud tradition of seizing the lead late and holding on for the victory.

In the semi-final round the Blue Devils again were faced with a familiar nemesis, the St. Scholastica Saints. While the opponent was different, the style and inner workings of the game were similar to most recent victory versus UW-Eau Claire.

UW-Stout got the scoring started halfway through the opening period but the Saints soon responded with a goal of their own five minutes later. The 1-1 tie was again taken to the third period where the teams traded goals in the span of 56 seconds. Again facing a deadlock, UW-Stout pulled out a "get out of jail free" card with six minutes remaining Nick Klaren took a pass from David Larson and put it right where it belonged for a 3-2 lead and eventually a 3-2 victory.

The win puts UW-Stout in the Peters Cup final game where they will again take a trip to the Duluth/Superior area as they take on top-seeded University of Wisconsin-Superior.

During the regular season the Blue Devils were able to muster a 0-1-1 record against UW-Superior.

In other related hockey news, UW-Stout captain Nick Klaren has been voted as an alternate for the 2009 Frozen Four skills challenge. After several rounds of preliminary voting by fans and players and coaches, Klaren remained the only Division III hockey player on the list.



LaynePitt / Sports information director
The Blue Devils celebrated after scoring a goal against UW-Eau Claire in the NCHA Quarterfinals on Feb. 20. UW-Stout won the game 5-3.



LaynePitt / Sports information director
Junior forward Scott Motz had three shots on goal against UW-Eau Claire on Feb. 20.

UW-Stout OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Meghan Hargens

This University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnast is a junior. She is from Rosemount, Minn. and is a business major. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her friends, listening to music, sleeping and watching movies.

In 2008, Hargens broke the school record on the bars with a score of 9.35 at the John Zuerlin Invite. Once again, Hargens has been named the WIAC gymnastics all-arounder of the week, making this the fourth time this season she has earned this honor. She is currently ranked No. 1 in the all-around in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association and has finished first in the event in all nine of UW-Stout's meets this season.

The UW-Stout gymnastics team has a meet against Winona State at the WIAC West Regionals on Friday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. The following meet will be on Friday, March 20 against Hamline at the NCGA Nationals.



Hargens, DeLara performances merit prestigious awards



Dan Nelson & Adam Haese/ www.uwstout.edu/athletics
With a score of 9.65, UW-Stout sophomore Naomi DeLara took first place on the balance beam against the University of Hamline on Feb. 27. DeLara also took second on the floor with a score of 9.20.

Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's gymnastics team has provided a season filled with record-setting performances. Even though these individual performances are impressive, to say the least, UW-Stout performance as a whole is still lacking.

On Feb. 27, UW-Stout fell just short against Hamline University in its final home meet of the 2009 season. The Blue Devils lost the competition 179.725-179.05.

UW-Stout Junior Meghan Hargens continued her consistent play, winning the uneven bars with a score of 9.575, floor with a score of 9.65 and the all-around with a score of 38.1. UW-Stout sophomore Naomi DeLara took first place on the balance beam with a score of 9.675. She also placed second on the floor exercise with 9.2 and second on the vault with a score of 9.5.

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DeLara has achieved prestigious awards as well. She now has been named the gymnastics specialist three times this season.

Thus far this season the most impressive performance by the team took place on Feb. 6 when they beat the then-undefeated University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 180.1 to 179.625.

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Baseball team completes sweep in season opener

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

After going through a tumultuous 2008 season that included only four conference wins and a paltry 12-25 record, the University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball team did its best to avoid a repeat of last season by sweeping the University of Minnesota-Crookston in a two-game series at the Metrodome. This quick start may be attributed to the fact that of the 30 roster members, 19 of them are first-timers to the Blue Devil baseball program.

While many of the fielding positions are wide open, there are some mainstays from last year. Matt Tschida, Brian Giebel and Ben Bengston return to the outfield where each should find a home for themselves.

A surprise addition to the roster is basketball player Jerrel Enerson-Matthews. Enerson-Matthews has played for the UW-Stout basketball team the past three seasons and recently surpassed 1,000 career points.

The pitching staff is where the bulk of the experience lies on this roster as four starters from last year return to help aid a team in desperate need of quality pitching. Matt Doornink, Nate Hanson and Matt Phipps are looking to be the team's 1-2-3 pitchers in the starting rotation. The key to their success is the efficiency of Doornink. In 2008, Doornink had a knack for striking out batters but was throwing far too many pitches to get the out.

If he is able to reduce his pitch count and continue to rack up the strike-outs, he can play a big part in how successful this team becomes. Transfers Russ Jiskra and Dave Oestreich are also looking to contribute their talents to growing stable of Blue Devil pitchers.

To start off the season the young Blue Devils got off on the right foot as they played a very early doubleheader against UM-Crookston with an opening pitch at 6:30 a.m. The early start had no ill effect on the Blue Devils as pitchers Russ Jiskra, Nate Hanson, Ethan Smallbrook and Dave Oestreich combined for a no-hitter that was UW-Stout's first shutout in nearly two years.

In the fourth inning, the Blue Devils got on the board with the first long ball of the year as Ryan Gilbertson hit a two-run shot to give the team the only points they would need. The home run provided a 2-0 lead that wound up being the final score.

The next game proved to be just as successful defensively and even greater offensively. The bats were swinging in game two as the Blue Devils belted out twelve hits on their way to an 8-1 route and an opening series sweep.

Since the team is incorporating a lot of freshmen and other first year players, it will be important to see how well the team is able to gel in the early goings of the season. If the Blue Devils can focus on winning several games right off the bat, it will be a great confidence booster to a young team that has the potential to achieve respectable feats this year.

UW-Stout will again take the field in a series of non-conference match-ups as it travels to Arizona for a spring break getaway which has the team playing five games in as many days. One of its contests that will help gauge its status as a team is versus Dickinson State which won its conference tournament the past three seasons.

Winter wonderland won't wither women's softball wins

Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball season is officially underway. The team has eight returners and 11 newcomers this season. Returning to the Blue Devils are starting pitchers Katie Fichter and Kristy Hoffman, infielders Nelly Peterson and Kelly Conway, catcher Emily Rehurek, outfielders Kaitlin Helgaas and Lisa Reiter and designated player Taylor Wild.

Their season began as they faced off against the College of St. Scholastica at the Irish Dome in Rosemount, Minn., Feb. 20.

The opener proved to be beneficial for UW-Stout as senior Nelly Peterson hit a two-run home run in the bottom on the sixth inning to give the Blue Devils a 9-1 lead.

The hit brought home freshman Kat Nelson. The game was then called in the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule. Freshman pitcher Laura Vanderhoof pitched the final three innings of the game and earned a win by not allowing a run.

UW-Stout's five-run fifth inning helped it break its 28-game losing streak, which stretched back to last season. However, the second game was far different.

The Saints held a grudge from the first game and hit the ball with ferociousness, winning the game 8-1. UW-Stout's Peterson accounted for the Blue Devils' lone run of the game.

The Blue Devils kept their bats hot when they returned to the Irish Sports Dome in Rosemount, Minn. where they swept a doubleheader over Northwestern College on Feb. 26. In the first game, UW-Stout sophomore Kelly Conway hammered a three-run home run in the fourth inning, effectively gaining her first collegiate home run. Kaitlin Helgaas also chimed in by scoring twice in an eight-run first inning. The Blue Devils crushed the Eagles 13-3 in what seemed to be a lopsided game.

The second game wasn't nearly as impressive but UW-Stout still managed to show its offensive arsenal. Its three-run fourth inning was courtesy of two bunts. Kristy Hoffman drove in Lisa Reiter with a bunt single. Hoofman scored again moments later.

The Blue Devils added two more runs to the board in the fifth inning when Peterson capitalized on a three-base error.

Jenna Johnson also drove in Conway with a double to centerfield. The Blue Devils won the game 7-3, ending what was a very productive day for the women's softball team.

For the third consecutive week, UW-Stout returned to the Irish Sports Dome on March 4. This double header was played against Augsburg College.

In the first game, UW-Stout again showed that they had what it takes at the plate, winning the game 9-2.

Peterson has not been shy about hitting the ball this season and that was again evident when she hit a grand slam in the fourth inning. Fichter also chimed in when she scored a three-run home run in the fifth inning.

The Blue Devils again faltered in their second game of the doubleheader. Although UW-Stout was effective at the plate, recording 12 hits, UW-Stout fell to Augsburg 7-3.

The Blue Devils have now improved their record to 4-2 in an early jump to the 2009 season. The women's softball team plays its next game against St. Olaf College on Tuesday, March 10 at 10 a.m.

Hirssig and company conclude successful season

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball program has consistently finished the season in a high enough seed to participate in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament for a staggering 10 years in a row. This season the Blue Devil women finished fourth in the conference and stretched that streak to 11.

Their hopes of making a run at a WIAC championship were dashed in the second round by the University of Wisconsin Stevens-Point on Feb. 26 at Berg Gym on the UW-Stevens Point campus. UW-Stout was able to cut the Pointers' lead to five early in the second half on a three-pointer from senior guard Lindsey Gerber.

Unfortunately, this was the narrowest the point margin would get throughout the remainder of the game. Senior Charlee Edwards from Danbury, Wisc. finished her career at UW-Stout in impressive fashion by recording a double-double with 16 points and also adding 10 rebounds to her stat line.

The two other seniors that played their final game that night were Gerber from Exeland, Wisc. and Nikki Wyngaard from Kimberly, Wisc., who is the only player besides Edwards to have earned three UW-Stout varsity letters. Gerber scored six points and had two assists while playing all 40 minutes of her final collegiate game.

Wyngaard finished her four-year Blue Devil career by recording eight points in her 12 minutes of playing time; only two away from her season high. This season's standout player, junior Julia Hirssig from Rochester, Minn. contributed 13 points and six rebounds in the final outing of her stellar season. All of their efforts combined were not enough to take down UW-Stevens Point who won the game 76-64 ending the Blue Devils' 2008-2009 campaign.

The Pointers once again proved themselves as the team to beat in the conference as they locked up a second consecutive conference championship with a four-point win over the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the championship game. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point finished the season on top of the WIAC with a record of 24 wins and three losses.

Its foe in the championship game, UW-Eau Claire, finished its season in second place in the conference with a record of 23-5. The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is the only other squad that finished ahead of the Blue Devils in the conference, with a record of 22-4.

UW-Stout has finished the season in one of the top four spots for 13 consecutive years and this year was no exception, as the Blue Devils fit into the number four spot in the conference yet again.

UW-Stout finished the regular season schedule by winning eight of its last 10 games, allowing it to participate in the tournament for 11th year in a row. The season culminated with an 18-point loss to UW-Eau Claire, but with the loss came a very special moment for Blue Devil basketball. Following the game, the No. 40 jersey that was worn by former UW-Stout standout Kelsey Duoss was retired. Duoss achieved the honor of being named the WIAC player of the year not once, but twice.

She was also an all-conference selection in all three seasons that she played for UW-Stout. Duoss is the first woman in Blue Devil basketball history to go on to play professional basketball; she played one season professionally in Australia. Duoss has since returned to the area and she is now an assistant girls basketball coach at Menomonie High School.

As for the current team, the most valuable player has clearly been No. 3, Julia Hirssig. She finished the season averaging a double-double with 18.9 points per game and 10.7 rebounds per game. She was far and away the leading scorer on the team, tallying 511 points in the 27 games she played in.

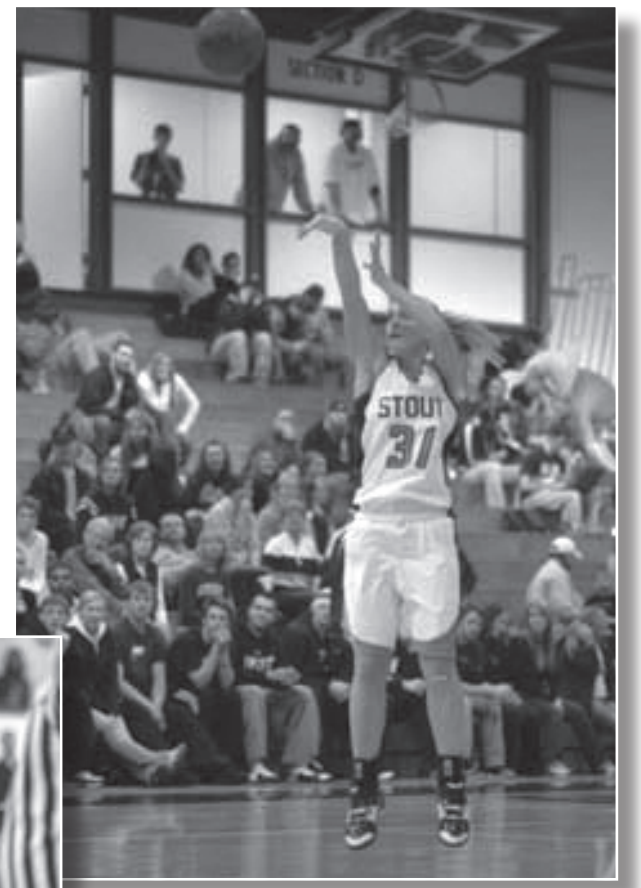
Hirssig ended up being the second leading scorer, and also the second leading rebounder in the entire conference. She earned an additional accolade at the end of the season by being named to the 2009 College Sports Information Directors of America/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division Women's Basketball first team. Her 3.95 GPA in hotel, restaurant and tourism management was sufficient to earn her the recognition she deserves. She is the first individual in the history of the WIAC to earn that honor from the CoSIDA.

As a whole, UW-Stout was the most prolific scoring team in the conference with 71.4 points per game. The Blue Devils were also the best rebounding team in the conference, which was a huge part of the team's success this season.

Head coach Mark Thomas and the UW-Stout women have high hopes for next year with Hirssig and a strong junior class returning as seniors, but they will lose significant production as the seniors of 2009 depart. Charlee Edwards will take her 11.8 points per game and 6.1 rebounds with her as she graduates; she was second in both of those categories behind Hirssig.

The team will also have to find a replacement for Lindsey Gerber, she played more minutes than anyone else on the team and her on and off-the-floor leadership will be missed. Wyngaard has been a mainstay on this team for the past four years; losing her veteran leadership will force the junior class to take the reins of the team. Both Gerber and Wyngaard will be succeeded by younger siblings that will try to fill their shoes.

Sophomores Brittany Gerber and Becky Wyngaard did not see significant minutes this season, but next season they will attempt to fill the void that is left by the departure of their older sisters.



LaynePitt / Sports information director
UW-Stout junior guard Kim Stokke had 14 points, two rebounds and one assist against UW-La Crosse on Feb. 24.



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UW-Stout defeated UW-La Crosse 80-72 in the WIAC First Round, advancing them to the WIAC Semi-Finals against UW-Stevens Point.



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UW-Stout's leading scorer, Julia Hirssig, had 16 points, 14 rebounds and one assist against UW-La Crosse on Feb. 24.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Men's Basketball

Record: 8-17, 2-14 WIAC

The Blue Devils men's basketball team had been on a six-game losing streak but pulled it together in its final game of the season against UW-Eau Claire. The Blue Devils displayed their three-point ability as they hit 12 in their 89-75 win against UW-Eau Claire on Feb. 21. The victory has increased UW-Stout's record against the Blugolds to nine wins out of the last 11 games played against them. Although the Blue Devils ended the season with a losing record, youthful players provide a promising future for the UW-Stout men's basketball team.

Next game: Season has concluded.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 21-5-2

The Blue Devils hockey team has silenced all critics, as it has now won 11 of its last 13 games and tied the remaining two. The biggest win of the season came on Feb. 28 when the team played against St. Scholastica in the NCHA semi-finals. Nate Klaren scored the game-winning goal with seven minutes remaining in the game. The victory gave senior goaltender, Matt Koenig, his 19 win of the season. The Blue Devils now advance to the NCHA Championship game against UW-Superior. If UW-Stout can pull out a win, the team will participate in the NCAA Quarterfinals.

Next game: (Away) against UW-Superior in the NCHA Championship game on Saturday, March 7 at 7:05 p.m.



Women's Basketball

Record: 16-10, 10-6 WIAC

The UW-Stout women's basketball team defeated UW-La Crosse 80-72 in the WIAC first round of the playoffs. However, its winning tendencies were not able to roll over to the next game as it was defeated 76-64 by UW-Stevens Point in the WIAC semi-finals, effectively ending its season. Former UW-Stout player Kelsey Duoss, No. 40 jersey was retired Feb. 21 after the completion of the UW-Stout-UW-Eau Claire game. She was a two-time WIAC player of the year and three-time all-conference selection for UW-Stout.

Next Game: Season has concluded.
Men's hockey team advances to NCHA Championship game, Women's basketball retires Kelsey Duoss' No. 40 jersey.

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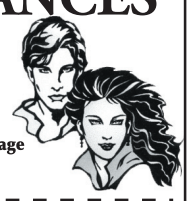
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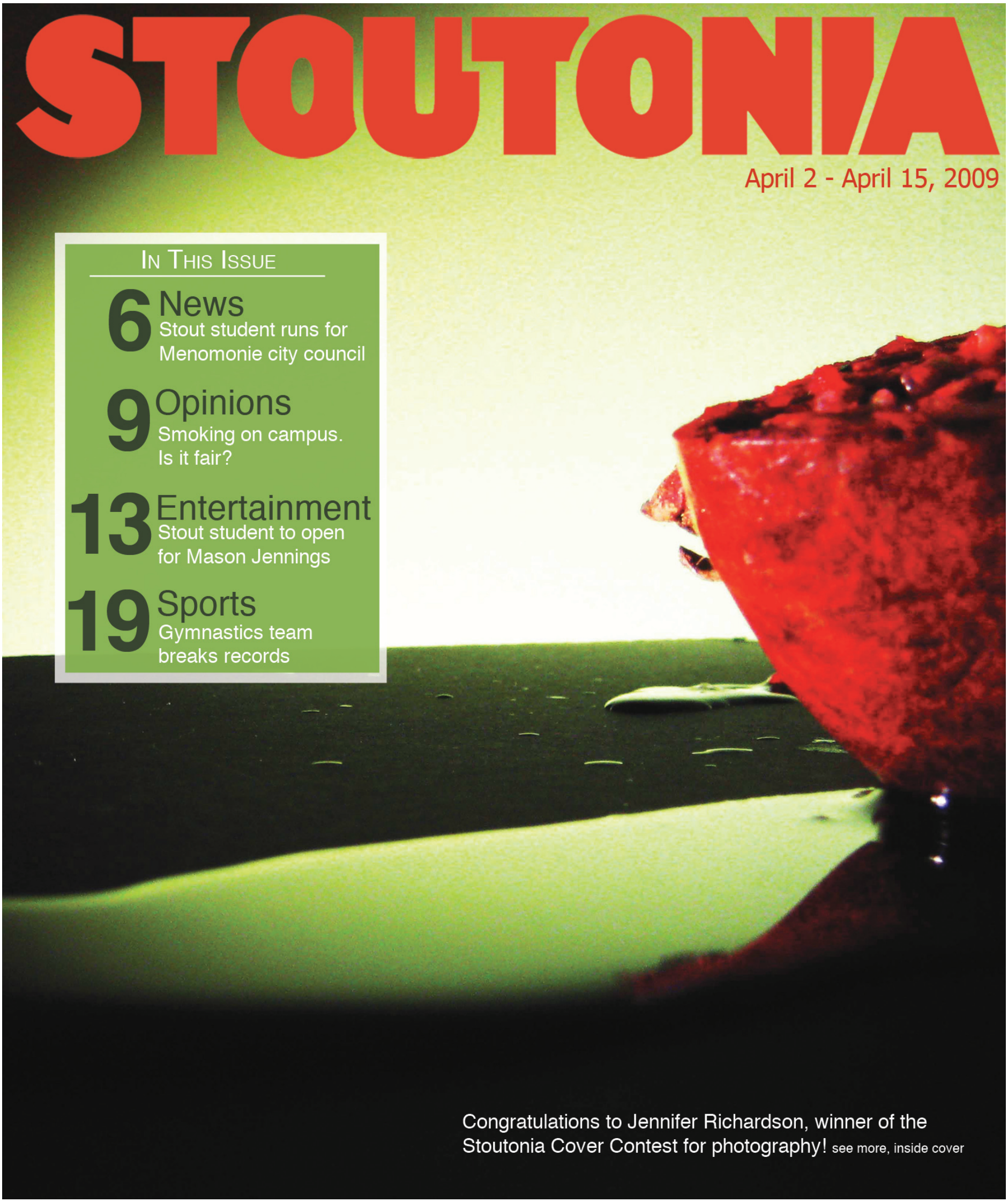
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Spring into fun | Inter-Residence Hall Association plans upcoming campus events

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

IRHA? What's that? Many students have no clue whatsoever about what this organization does. IRHA stands for Inter Residence Hall Association. It's basically a government for the students who live on campus. This group puts on activities throughout the year. Everything they put on is a great way to meet new people and get involved while having a good time. Even though the year is coming to an end fast, there is still time to attend some of these events.

> "[The IRHA] is a government for the students who live on campus. This group puts on activities throughout the year."

There are only a few chances left to see what fun these events are. The two activities to look out for in April are Bingo and Stoutnic. During family weekend (April 17-19), IRHA will be hosting Nacho Bingo, which is "not your average" bingo. While munching away and calling out your bingos, you can also enjoy free bowling in the underground with your family and friends!

Also coming up is Stoutnic, which will be held on April 30. This is also referred to as the campus-wide picnic. It's held outside, depending on weather, and has many things to keep you busy. There is tons of free food, games to play, live music, booths and blow-up courses. With the cotton candy, snow cones and organizations on campus at their booths, this is similar to a fair. There is even a chance to win an iPod Touch. All the members of IRHA strongly encourage everyone to come and check it out!

There are a few other little events to watch out for on campus in addition to these yearly happenings, including chances coming up to play games and learn about stress relief.

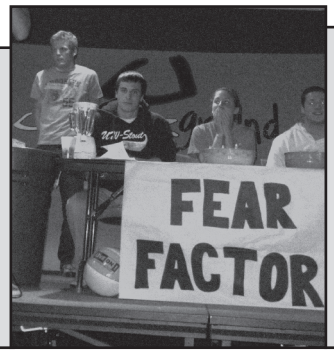
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The new election packets to get on the board are at the front desk of every residence hall.
The applications are due **April 3**, so hurry up and get yours turned in!!

Do you dare? | Fear Factor competition hosted by IRHA



Students ate gizzards, dog bones, strange sauces and blended hot dogs in a Fear Factor competition hosted by IRHA March 23 in the Underground of the MSC.



(Right) The winners of the competition, Team G, proudly flaunts their certificates.



Rachael Lundeen/Stoutonia

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Staff Writer

Numerous things around campus are put on by IRHA, and the last event had a huge turnout. The event was held last March 23 in the Underground, and was a competition in which competitors challenged themselves with mind-boggling tasks. The name of the game: Fear Factor.

Ten teams of four people each participated in this event. They all chose a letter to represent their team. They competed in numerous eating contests, relays and trivia questions, all with the main goal of winning an iPod Touch. The competition had five rounds all consisting of interesting tasks to prove that fear is not a factor for them.

It all started with an eating contest. All teams had to choose one team member to ingest an unknown substance. After each team's contestant was on stage, it was announced that they would all be consuming a cup full of gizzards. This was a timed event and the slowest team would be eliminated. While watching the competitor's gag, choke down and finally eat the entire cup full, the audience was feeling their pain.

The second round was not as painful for the teams, just a little more challenging. It was all trivia where each person was asked five questions, with only one minute for each. The team with the fewest points was then asked to leave.

After the nice trivia break, it was back to the disgusting for round three. At this point, there were five teams left. And once again each team sent a person to the stage where they awaited to find out what task they would be doing. After being told they were "bobbing" for dog bones in a bowl full of saurkraut, you could see the fear in their eyes. There were five dog bones in each bowl. The participants had to find them and eat them. This was a timed event. The fastest score was team P with 2 minutes, 34 seconds.

Also during round three was something called "sauces." The members of IRHA previously blended together numerous sauces that don't mix well together. In each teams glass there was ketchup, barbeque sauce, red hot wings sauce, mustard, steak sauces, soy sauce, cocktail shrimp sauce and grape jelly. Again, the contestants were wishing they weren't the chosen teammate for this event. Even though this part of the evening was very gross, one team managed to get their sauces down in thirteen seconds.

Up next was round four. For this part of the evening each team blindfolded a member so they could be led by their teammates to find the post-its hidden within the room. It wasn't as easy as it looked, contestants said, after having crawled on the ground to find post-its hidden under pieces of paper scattered all over. After finding each post-it, the finder would then have to walk back to the stage still blindfolded and give them to their teammates. Next, the remaining three members of the group had to eat a hot dog. But it wasn't that easy. The hot dog, the bun, the ketchup and the mustard were first blended with water to make something resembling hot dog soup. With trashcans on each side of the table, the teams left drank their hotdog as fast as they could. After one team wasn't able to finish, there were just two teams remaining.

Then it was time for the final round. For this round, the teams weren't getting off easy. This was a relay with a series of events that had already taken place earlier in the night. There were three things that needed to be accomplished in order to have a winner. First of all, one player had to eat one gizzard and then pass it off to another teammate who would take a shot of blended hotdog. Finally, the last two left on the team would have to put together a puzzle with one member blindfolded getting directions from the other. After a very crazy night of twisted tasks and fun, there was a winner. Team G won. Obviously for these four guys, fear is not a factor.



Sustainability reaches senate

Stout Student Association fills position of Sustainability Senator

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The Stout Student Association has finally created the much need position of Sustainability Senator. Suzanne Majkowski has been elected to the new position.

Majkowski, a junior in the dietetics program, transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Stout in fall 2007 from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

As a student in Eau Claire, Majkowski volunteered for the United Council to help with sustainability issues.

Majkowski feels her past experience with the United Council will be helpful during her term as SSA Sustainability Senator.

As senator, Majkowski will head up a sustainability council made up of four to six students. Majkowski says the council will be "forming new ideas that can be implemented throughout the UW-Stout campus and working with the campus population, faculty, staff and students and anyone else who utilizes the facilities."

> "I think there's a big movement going on nationwide, especially among younger students, but I think too often people want things to happen but don't go out and do them."
>
> -Suzanne Majkowski, Sustainability Senator

Majkowski also says some of her top priorities as senator are to "try and incorporate more local and organic food on campus" and to "develop a better ride board or carpooling for students who commute."

Other areas Majkowski and her council plan to address include composting with Sustainable Dunn, the Spring Move-Out event and "becoming more green and reaching mandates."

Majkowski feels students are already excited about making UW-Stout more sustainable, but she feels students might not always know what else they can do or where to get started. She says, "I think there's a big movement going on nationwide, especially among younger students, but I think too often people want things to happen but don't go out and do them."

To contact Majkowski about ways you can get involved, e-mail her at majkowskis@uwstout.edu.

Referendum for campus-wide smoking ban to take place April 8

Alyssa Antilla
Staff Writer

On April 8, University of Wisconsin-Stout students will be given the option to vote on a referendum that would implement a campus-wide smoking ban. Through an electronic ballet, students will have the option to vote for Stout Student Association executive candidates and will also vote on a referendum that, if passed, would prohibit smoking anywhere on campus premises.

"If the referendum is passed, it goes on to be evaluated by a committee," said Michael Lubke, president of University Student Senate of the SSA. "From there the details of the ban are worked out."

UW-Stout currently has a rule that prohibits students, staff and faculty from smoking within 25-feet of building entrances. The 25-foot rule also happens to be a state law, noted Lubke.

"I'm not necessarily for or against the smoking ban, but I don't think it's fair for students to have to deal with smokers that don't follow the 25 foot rule," said Lubke. "There are a lot of dorm rooms that are near doors and smoke can get in."

Lubke also felt that smoking on campus doesn't create a good image of the university and the litter is distracting, especially to prospective students on campus tours and other guests.

According to an e-mail sent to all UW-Stout students by the Stout Student Association, it stated that the main reason for the referendum is to keep UW-Stout up with the current trends that universities are adopting. The e-mail went on to say "260 universities nationwide have adapted smoking bans" and SSA feels "it is important to keep up-to-date on current trends."

If the referendum does pass, the campus-wide smoking ban would become the students' responsibility to enforce. Lubke noted that the smoking ban is a social norming campaign because it cannot be officially enforced by state law. Since it can't be officially enforced by state law with tickets, the consequences for violators still have to be determined.

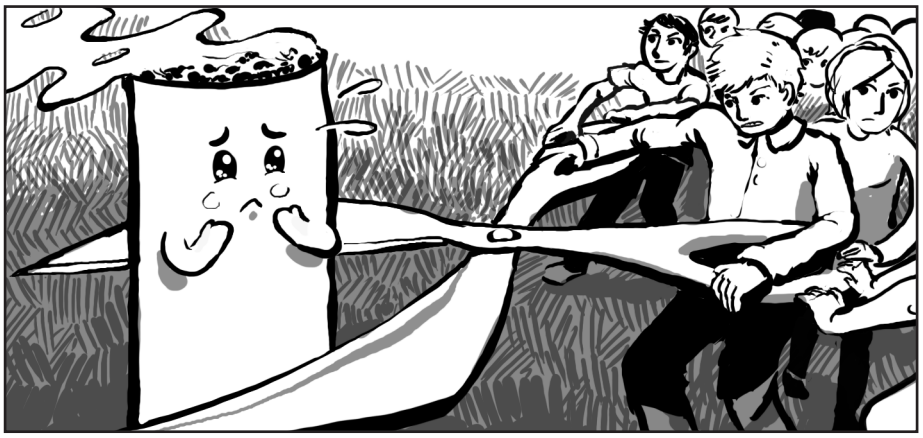
"We want to make students aware of the issue and make it a norm to not smoke on campus," Lubke said. "We want to make people aware of their actions."

Student opinions on the issue have varied.

"I don't really care for smoking," said senior Adam Janecke. "It's a weird right to take away from people. It's a little harsh too."

Students comments located on the SSA blog at http://studentgovernment.wordpress.com/2009/01/28/smoke-free-stout/, range from absolute anger over the proposed smoking ban to relief that students will be able to "breathe clear air," according to one post.

All students will have the opportunity to vote on the smoking ban referendum on April 8. In order to express your opinion, be sure to vote.



How does the student population feel?

53% Passionately approve of proposed smoking ban

44% Find the idea ridiculous

3% Don't care

Renovation of Price Commons: Paper or dishes?

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

As the renovation of the Price Commons Cafeteria continues to push forward, students have begun to schlep to the Ballrooms in the Memorial Student Center in pursuit of their favorite Price Commons entrees.

Though the temporary dining location still provides students with a pizza and taco bar and many more of the usual dishes, eyebrows have been raised over the use of the paper materials on which University Dining Service is serving its entrees.

Ann Thies, Director of UDS, says, "If it was feasible to do this project and not use paper, we would. We would rather do that. We don't like the trash it creates, but we served between nine and 10 thousand meals a week in the Commons and we have to expect that much in the Ballrooms. It is impossible to do that many dishes in that space or to have that many dish carts there."

The space Thies refers to is the kitchen, storage and dish room tucked away behind The Heritage Café and the Ballrooms. This area serves as the prep, cooking, storage and clean-up area for all of the MSC dining operations including The Terrace, The Heritage Café, the Pawn and catered events.

According to Thies, with the conversion of the ballrooms into a cafeteria, she has had to let employees go, because even with using paper materials to reduce clean-up, there still is not enough space for employees to work safely.

This lack of space has also caused the preparation for the lunch and dinner salad bar to move to the Tainter Cafeteria. Two times a day, the lettuce, tomatoes and all of the fixings for the salad bar are transported from North to South Campus.

Thies said other changes include the semi-truck parked every day outside of the MSC which now serves as a cooler, a third night shift added to the baker's schedules and longer lines and waiting times in the Ballroom cafeteria.

Though the changes provide extra work and environmental costs, Thies said, "We're trying to give them (the students) enough choices to keep them happy and do it as economically as we can."

She said the decision for keeping many of the food options came from UDS managers who wanted to give students all of the options they could, unlike many schools who give students two meal options in a to-go container. UW-Stout students, however, were not surveyed about whether they wanted to keep as many food choices as possible in return for paper dishes and longer lines.

Suzanne Majkowski, the SSA Sustainability Senator said, "I did not realize right away that paper would be used in the Ballrooms, but I was shocked when I found out."

Majkowski also said, "It's a terrible choice as far as sustainability goes, however, there is a limited amount of space and this is a short term project…There should have been more student input."

Stacie McCormack, a senior in the art education program, said about the use of paper materials, "I'm disappointed and I wish they would have asked our opinion, but I understand they have to use paper in order to keep costs low and because of space."

Julia Kraemer, a senior in vocational rehabilitation did not think paper was the greatest choice, but she also said, "A lot of people eat there every day, but it's not me who has to do the dishes and clean-up."

Despite the problems they have encountered, Ann Thies hopes overall students are satisfied when Price Commons Cafeteria reopens on August 11, 2009, as she says, "Customer satisfaction is UDS's number one priority."

New dean for College of STEM



Jeffrey Anderson will start next fall as dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Jefferey R. Anderson

Danielle Olson
News editor

Jefferey R. Anderson, former interim dean of the College of Science and Engineering at Winona State University in Minnesota, will start his career as the new dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The new college offers twelve undergraduate programs, seven areas of pre-professional study such as pre-medical, two graduate degrees and fourteen minors. The departments under the college are Engineering and Technology, Biology, Chemistry, Construction, Physics, Apparel and Communication Technologies and Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science.

Kids Against Hunger provides 141,600 meals

Danielle Olson
News Editor

Kids Against Hunger more than doubles its goal, donating 141,600 meals for developing countries

When University of Wisconsin-Stout students in the Phi Upsilon Omicron honor society began their volunteer event the evening of March 31, they had hoped to fill 10,000 meal packets. But just 15 minutes into the event, the organizers had to create more work stations to accommodate the many volunteers who came out to help. By the end of the night, 23,600 meal packets were filled by 150 UW-Stout students and volunteers, each packet feeding six people.

The family and consumer sciences honor society hosted the event in the basement of the Curran-Kransuch-Tutison-Oetting Hall basement from noon to 3 p.m. The volunteers filled food bags in an assembly line. After attending a Kids Against Hunger event during their honor society's convention last fall, student organizers Meghann Reetz, Allison Strand, Christine Schmitt and Ashley Smolen wanted to stimulate the campus and local community to help with the global issue of hunger.



Contributed Photo
UW-Stout students and volunteers help to fill 23,600 meal packets March 31, donating 141,600 six-person meals to developing countries.

Q&A with Patrick Soviak



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UW-Stout student inspires young politicians by running for Menomonie City Council

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout student, Patrick Soviak is running for City Council on April 7. Soviak decided to run because he grew up in Menomonie and wanted a younger voice to stand up for the majority of Menomonie's 18-25 year-old population.

Name: Patrick Soviak
Hometown: Menomonie, WI
Currently Residence: Menomonie, WI
Age: 24
Status: SINGLE
Political View: Economic Liberal
Education: University of Wisconsin-Stout
Major: Business

What's your favorite color?
Green.

What is your favorite thing about Stout?
The educational programs offered. These programs get students excited, when we have students excited to be around it makes campus a better place to be.

What gave you the initial drive to actually go for it and run, what clicked?
I grew up in Menomonie. I feel like city council is the pulse of the city. The population of Menomonie is mainly students ages 18-25 and the current city council members are retirees; it's dangerous because they don't relate well to the students.

What in your background, training and experience qualifies you to be on the city council?
Once again, I grew up in Menomonie, There are a lot of decide policy issues and a lot of them pertain to business. Bills for city limits and such. Being a business major student myself, I see the best options for the city and am trying to find the best course of action.

What is your ideal vision for Menomonie?

A place where students don't feel like they have to go home every weekend, to be safe and respected. There is a disconnect between the students and the rest of the population and I want to repair that.

If you could go anywhere, where would it be?
China and New Zealand.

What is the largest change you hope to be involved in and do you think the influence to that change is due to your age?
I want to change the culture here on campus. Stout students need to be viewed as an asset. We need to revitalize the downtown area. There are a lot of empty business lots. We need to attract businesses that fit well in the community.

Who are your biggest supporters?
My friends, the people I know at Stout. The community is on my side. Everyone is positive and excited for me. When I tell people I am running for city council everyone instantly has two issues they want addressed. What's going on that they are not getting taken care of? As a student I think students feel comfortable talking to me.

Do you think your age is on your side, due to the larger student population?
Definitely. A lot of people I talk to are excited that I can relate to the problems students face. They feel the need to open up and talk to me.

Do you ever get nervous?
Of course!

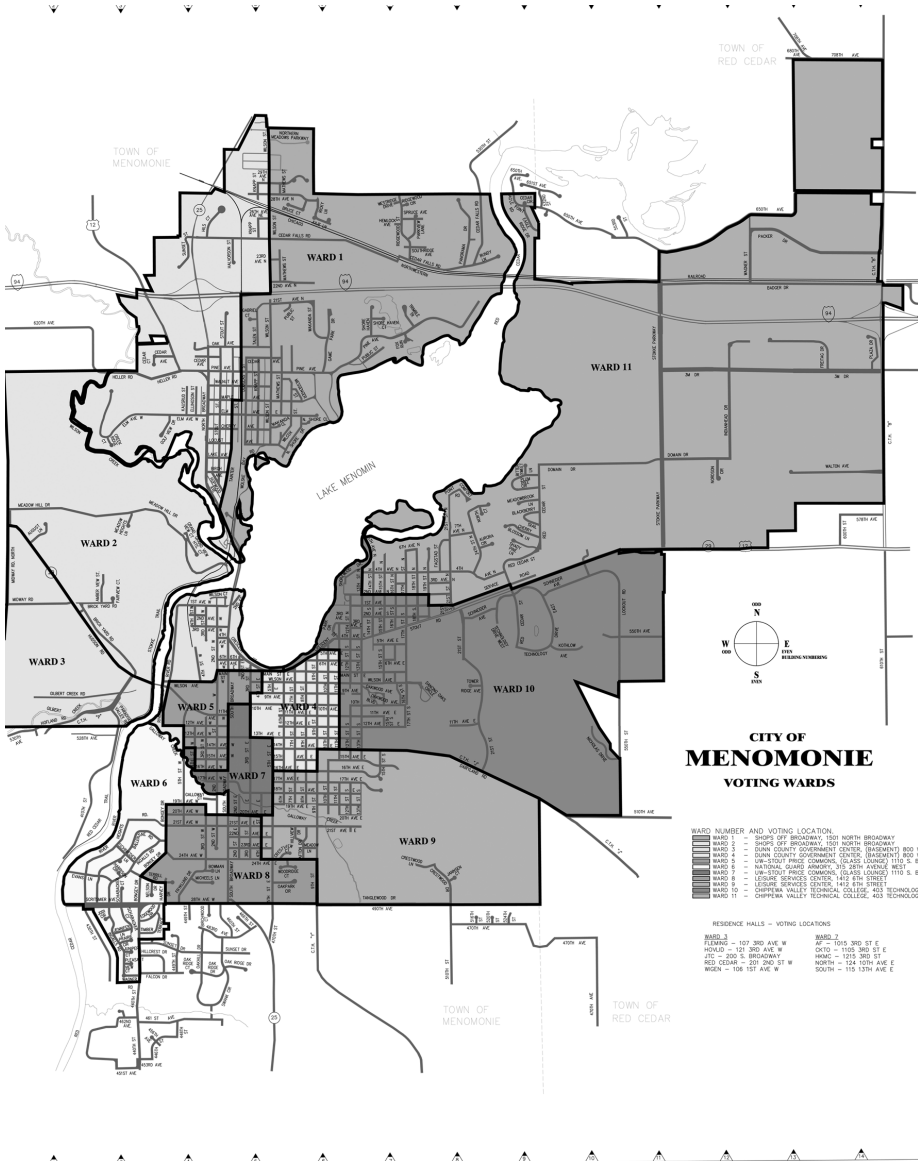
What is the most nerve-wracking part of your running?
The most nerve wrecking part is the amount of information that I need to know for this position, but I enjoying it. I need to make sure I know what I'm talking about. It's more important that I know all of this at my age.

What is your view on campus parking?
It's terrible. Over the last years the students have looked at Stout to fix the problem. The school's solution is destroying buildings and putting in parking lots. It's time for the city to get involved and make real changes. We need overnight parking all over Menomonie, not just downtown, all over. When people go out, if you drank too much, there is nowhere you can park overnight. You are unable to escape a ticket. There are solutions and we must make the best decision.

What message can you send out to students that may influence their choice and promote young voters?
The support of students in the 3rd ward (North Campus) means a lot because I can relate to them and their lifestyles. I can change things on campus.

GO VOTE April 7!

The voting goes down the same way the presidential election did. If you registered and voted for the presidential election, you're good to go.
There are different wards in which people are able to vote. See the Ward Map for your local voting station.



SSA announces executive candidates

Director of Legislative Affairs

Jason Abrahamson



I am a sophomore in the Graphic Communications Management program and am currently your Creative Director in SSA. If elected Director of Legislative Affairs, I would continue sharing my senate experience and motivation while acknowledging the voices of Stout students. I believe the main goal and priority for the position is to stay consistent with the Legislative Affairs Director description: "...responsible to serve as a lobbyer and communicator between student government and our local and state representatives." I have acquired a decent amount leadership experience through serving fellow students in the Stout Student Association. Along with my leadership skills, I am a very adaptable person with great organizational and communication skills. I think our student senate is a huge asset to the university and it would be an honor to serve you in the 40th Congress.

Dustin Green



As a current leader on this campus, I am extremely excited to continue to serve the students at Stout. My current leadership style will allow for this organization to grow and to better represent the students. My leadership along with my motivation and dedication will make me a productive member of the Stout Student Association, as well as the executive board. If elected into this position I have many things planned to help push this organization to the next level!

President



Philip Rizzo

Dedication, drive and a commitment to excellence are key factors that have compelled me since my early college years. These factors and learning from strong role models resulted in multiple recognition of my increasingly strong leadership skills. Most recently I was selected to be the president of the Stout Cycling Club after being a member for one month. Since then I have increased the number of members, expanded the club's programs and have helped others increase their cycling ability. My background and numerous leadership experiences have helped me understand the responsibilities of my current, vice president position on the Student Government. I am qualified to be the president of the Student Government and if given the opportunity would approach the role with excitement and vigor!



Chrissy Pergande

I am running for student senate president. If elected, I intend to open the doors of communication to all students, organizations, majors, faculty, staff and upper administration. Through communication, we can unify our voice by staying informed. I believe it is absolutely crucial that we begin to steer away from individualized difference and embrace our similarities. To start, we want to make sure all affiliates of stout receive ample recognition for their accomplishments, as they are plentiful. From there, as an executive board, we can sit down and begin to set S.M.A.R.T. goals (strategic measureable attainable realistic and timely goals).



Mikey Broetezmann

Since becoming a student at UW-Stout, I have prided myself on serving the student body. Throughout the years I have tackled various leadership roles including president of the Disc Golf Club, Secretary of the Paintball Club, as well as Student Senator for the School of Education and vice president of the SSA. In addition, I shared roles with many student leaders from across the region in forming the Upper Midwest Collegiate Disc Golf Association, which is an organization that is the first of its kind in the country. I am always open to listening to students, and formulating new policies to promote progressive change on campus. If you would like to know more I encourage you all to contact me or find me on Facebook.

Director of Diversity



Michelle Killian

I am currently in my second year at UW-Stout majoring in Engineering Technology - Mechanical Design. I am very interested in becoming the Diversity Director to further the campus's involvement and knowledge of the different aspect's of Stout's community. I am involved in many areas on campus including sports, housing, working on campus and serving as a current senator. I hope to be a contact that you, as students, feel comfortable approaching about anything and that in hearing your opinions I can make your voices heard on campus.



Kao Lee Yang

One of my biggest goals for next year is to work with this campus to define what diversity means to us. I believe that before we as a campus can even work to better diversity on our campus, we need to work together to define what diversity means on our campus, and as a campus define what more we want to see of diversity on our campus. On top of that, I will work hard to fulfill the Director of Diversity duties outlined in the SSA Constitution which include but are not limited to; informing the campus of legislation regarding diversity, acting as a diversity resource person, helping Special Interest Senators network with groups they represent. I will work hard to ensure that every student on our campus can have their say on diversity heard so that we as a campus may move forward on our diversity initiative together.

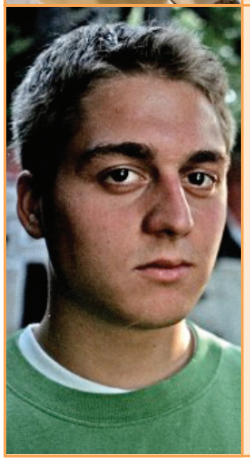
Director of Organizational Affairs



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Mission: Support student organizations by means of collaboration, cooperation, communication and innovative design.

Goals: Plan with organizations to incorporate innovative design into projects and organization structure, increase collaboration amongst organizations to strengthen Stout, increase communication for organizations to Students, Alumni, faculty, and staff.



Andrew Ring

I'm a junior in the Graphic Communications major with an emphasis in sales and marketing. Currently I am the Religious Senator in SSA. I am very motivated to provide the student body with help as needed with their organization(s) or to create a new organization. I will be there to support the student to ensure their problem is solved and I have assisted them in every way possible. I have experience working with organizations on campus for the past year and a half through the Stout Typographical Society (STS). My experiences in STS have taught me that I thoroughly enjoy assisting students with questions or concerns that he/she (or say he or she) might have. If elected I will continue to make shared governance on committees a priority on campus. I am an organized and responsible individual with great communication skills, ready for the responsibilities the Organizational Affairs position requires. I look forward to serving you!

Content written by candidate and edited for space.

Marketing students help cream the competition of local company

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

Owners of The Creamery in Downsville, Wis., have received marketing help from University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

Students in the Tourism, Marketing and Sales class are assigned to choose a business, preferably out of Menomonie, and work with the business to develop a marketing program for it.

"A member of our group works at The Creamery, and I had always wondered about it, so we decided to do our project there," said Bridget Adams, a junior in the hospitality tourism program.

The students went to The Creamery and took a tour of the newly renovated inn and restaurant. "We were surprised to find out it also has a café, bar and bakery," said Adams. "The owners are UW-Stout graduates who bought the property just a year ago."

"We first asked the owners what they would like to see in their marketing strategies," said Adams. "They want to appeal to cyclists on the Red Cedar Trail and also get their name out on campus."

"They would also like to bring in some local bands to draw in students," added Jordan Ciha, a junior in hospitality and tourism, and also in Adams' group.

"The Creamery had marketed through the city of Menomonie by being a part of the Chamber of Commerce," said Ciha.
"They also have an appealing, easy-to-use Web site, which is a huge marketing tool," added Adams.

"We talked to the bike shops in town to advertise for The Creamery there," said Adams, "and we are now working on ways to promote it on campus."

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Obstructing an officer - 1
Possession of alcohol on UW land - 1
Criminal Charge "Substantial Battery - 1
OWI - 3

Brainless Thief

Back in December a student reported a missing bicycle, with little or no faith of its return. Locked up in her garage, the thief made a swift steal and thought they covered their tracks. The student reported to police that she had paperwork proving it was, in fact, her bike. It was never found. But on March 3, while strolling by Fryklund Hall, she came across her bike locked up on a bike rack. There was likely a combination of anger and joy for the owner, and shock from the thief when they came out of class. It's best to refrain from bringing stolen goods out in public. Smooth move.

Annoyance or Paranoia

On the first floor of Hovlid Hall, a resident called the police and complained about annoying residents in Jeter-Tainter-Callahan Hall shining a green laser pen in the window. This obviously interrupted the resident's "gaming" time. The resident did not feel threatened by the beaming green light, but secretly, deep down, since he called the police, he must have begun to assume it was a sniper rifle.

Rough Night

Everyone has had those rough nights when you wake up not knowing where you are, who is next to you and how the heck you got that bruise. But for one of the students in Fleming Hall, "Biohazard Bleeding Problem" could easily be the title of her night's Facebook album. A policeman was called to Fleming Hall when a staff member reported that a female was in the first floor women's bathroom with blood in her hair. Police came to clean up the blood and place it into biohazard bags. When asked, the female said she had a "bleeding problem." Good one. But when more blood was found in the north entrance to the building, staff got concerned. After gaining access to the female's dorm room and they found her knocked out cold with a one-inch-long gash above her eyebrow. The police suggested she go get her head looked at, but the female said she didn't need to because it was "just one of those nights."

Frosty, The drunk-man

On March 12, two students walked into the Student Health Center on campus looking pretty rough. One of the students had two plastic bags wrapped around his feet. Turns out this youngster braved the snow with no shoes and walked home trashed. He reported that he drank night before and that he didn't remember anything. It seems he drank and didn't remember his shoes.

Cold Bail

On March 18, a call came in from a panicked male who had lost his girlfriend somewhere on the lake. The story goes that a guy and his gal decided to take a walk out onto the lake in the middle of the night. I assume the guy talked the gal into going out on the lake at dark. Romeo fell asleep on the lake and woke up to find his Juliet gone. In panic, he assumed she went in. Guys are so dramatic. After the officer shined a light and helped search around, his girlfriend called his cell phone. When he answered, she was asleep like a normal person in a warm non-melting bed. Smart call.

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Why stop at smoking?

Nate Fellows
UW-Stout student contributor

It seems the Stout Student Association wants a campus-wide smoking ban, even though they won't admit it, and it's up to the student population to stop it. This issue isn't about smoking; it's about not being taken advantage of by a bureaucracy that is trying to get what they want while nobody is looking.

On March 11, 2009, the SSA sent out an e-mail notifying everyone at the University of Wisconsin-Stout that they passed a motion that added a referendum question on a campus-wide smoking ban that would take place next year. The SSA said the main reason for the vote is because "260 universities across America have adopted smoking bans" and they "feel it is important to keep up-to-date on current trends." It's hard to believe the SSA is having this vote (which will take place electronically on April 8) because of a current trend.

There are approximately 2800 four-year universities in The United States of America, and according to the SSA, 260 of them have adopted smoking bans (not campus-wide smoking bans). Everyone knows UW-Stout has a smoking ban because you can't smoke in class, in a dorm or in the Student Center. If you have ever been in Harvey Hall you have seen the "no smoking" signs on the walls. A campus-wide smoking ban means there will be no smoking allowed on any part of the UW-Stout campus, whether you are inside a building or anywhere outside. This means you can't smoke when you play disc golf, while you walk to class, or while you run on the track. It means that YOU can't smoke on campus, but UW-Stout can keep burning truckload after truckload of coal in order to heat the buildings. One would think the SSA would be fighting the use of coal because, according to some experts, greenhouses gases are contributing to the melting of the polar ice caps and the polar bears are going to die because UW-Stout burns coal. That doesn't matter because smoking outside is more important to the SSA. Does this mean the SSA wants the polar bears to die? They better add a referendum question to a ballot and figure this out because if polar bears are important to the UW-Stout students then the SSA "should act upon it if students are in support of it." Is there evidence that proves smoking outside is a bad thing? Is the SSA afraid that somebody is going to actually have a conversation with them and exhale some secondhand smoke into their lungs? This isn't reality T.V., it's college, and students don't need any more rules.

The only real question is why does the SSA want a campus-wide smoking ban, even though UW-Stout already has a smoking ban? Is it because the SSA is against smoking anywhere at UW-Stout? Is it because the SSA is against smoking anywhere on the planet? Is it because students aren't paying attention to minor issues and the SSA feels it can sneak this rule in while nobody is looking? Is it because the SSA is part of some underground anti-smoking group? The only reason this is brought up is because the timing of the e-mail seems very suspicious.

The SSA wants to ban smoking outside. What's next? Is the SSA going to ban water fountains on campus because there are thirsty people in Africa? Shouldn't the SSA do things for the UW-Stout students instead of creating policies that are similar to rules in a communist country? Is making it impossible for students to smoke outside on campus that important? One would think the SSA would be fighting for funding because of the cut backs that UW-Stout is facing. Or maybe they could get more chairs in the hallways around campus so students don't have to sit on the floor while they are waiting for their class. Or maybe they could talk to someone about the false advertising that UW-Stout does with the pictures of students on the Web site. They make UW-Stout look like a very diverse campus when in reality they are not. The SSA probably didn't notice because they couldn't see their computer screens through all of the second-hand smoke that lingers in the air around campus. Maybe the SSA could get different color urinal mints in the men's bathrooms. How about blue urinal mints—they would be manlier and they would also be the colors of UW-Stout. Oh wait, then the SSA might have to add another referendum question about peeing on the colors of UW-Stout.

It seems like the SSA is more worried about what a minority of other college campuses are doing rather than worrying about what is happening at UW-Stout. The SSA is using the students of UW-Stout as a scapegoat in order to get what they want. Go vote and stop the SSA before they ruin the UW-Stout campus.



Marc Anderson/Stoutonia

Smoking is not a right

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

There are talks that the University of Wisconsin-Stout is going to implement a campus-wide smoking ban in the near future. It seems as though most everyone I know is up in arms about this. I keep hearing the words "right" and "freedom" and "personal choice."

No. Absolutely not. Smoking is not a "right." It has nothing to do with "freedom." But I completely agree with it being a "personal choice." And I'm okay with it being banned on campus.

I'm getting really tired of people insisting that smoking is some sort of indisputable "right." To me, it sounds like whining coupled with a dim realization of what "rights" really are and how far they extend, and the misrepresentation of a "privilege" as a "right." True rights come with boundaries. You can practice whatever religion you like, but you can't decide to go try to convert in a public school classroom. You have the right of free speech, but you don't have the right to publicly slander someone or to print libel. See a pattern appearing? The point of rights having boundaries is so that said rights really do protect everyone. On the other hand, the dictionary's definition of "privilege" is "an advantage or source of pleasure granted to a person." Smoking falls in under this category.

So yes, of course, you can subject your own body to as many cigarettes as you want to. But I want to emphasize a part of that: your own body. The second you light up in public, your lungs stop being the only lungs inhaling smoke, and that's when the government can step in. Believe it or not, everyone else's right to not be subjected to your cigarette smoke trumps your "right" to smoke in public.

The federal government has labeled cigarette smoke as "a known human carcinogen." You have the right to not be exposed to cancer-causing substances against your consent. Looking at it this way, breathing in the 69 known carcinogens in your secondhand smoke without having consented to it would constitute a personal security violation on your part. It's already, in theory, against the law. You know how when asbestos is removed from buildings, there are all these expensive and cautionary security procedures to protect the public from inhaling even trace amounts of the carcinogens? Why should we be protected from that, but not from smokers?

Do people really need to be reminded of all the dangers that cigarettes possess? Cancer, heart disease, emphysema and asthma are only a few. Secondhand smoke has all of the same dangers of firsthand smoking, and if you can smell it, you're inhaling it and it's doing damage.

Anyone out there have asthma or any other breathing condition, such as bronchitis or sinusitis? Almost 100 million Americans do. I have asthma, and most everyone else I know who has it agrees that cigarette smoke is one of the worst triggers for an asthma attack. Even for those without such breathing conditions, breathing in secondhand smoke for thirty minutes will raise the likelihood of having a heart attack to being the same as a smoker's. In theory, I could be walking to class, breathe in some drifting smoke, have an attack (asthma or a heart attack, even), and land myself in the hospital. I could easily sue UW-Stout, because they know of the known dangers and failed to take enough precautions to prevent this from happening.

And honestly, outside of it being a health hazard, cigarette smoking in public is flat-out irritating. It's stinky. I hate that being around it for even a minute will make my clothes and hair reek. It gives me headaches and if I have an empty stomach, I feel nauseous. I hate when people smoke outside and the smoke drifts in through my window.

And what about the benefits for the smokers themselves? A memo from Phillip Morris says it best: "Smokers facing these restrictions consume 11–15 percent less than average and quit at a rate that is 84 percent higher than average." More than three out of four people who smoke want to quit. A campus-wide smoking ban could really help them.

The United States is hardly becoming a police state, and banning smoking on university campuses is hardly the stepping stone for taking away our actual rights, such as free speech, religion and the voting process. Smokers aren't going to be forced to sit on the back of the bus anytime soon. They need to stop their whining and just accept that the privileges society has granted smokers aren't going to last.

Wisconsin Abstinence Coalition

The REAL act based on false information

Sally Ladky
Executive Director of Wisconsin Abstinence Coalition

Three days ago Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) reintroduced the REAL Act in both Houses of Congress.The bill has been introduced at national and state levels for at least the past four years without passage.

Although this bill version does not specifically eliminate any current abstinence education funding as past bills did, it sets the stage for that eventuality by defining "Responsible Education About Life." This bill creates an exclusive $50 million funding source for comprehensive sex education which will be added to at least eight existing funding streams.

The language within the bill implies that sexuality education must be values-neutral, respect family beliefs, and not impose religion or ideology yet is simultaneously responsible to augment what "children receive from their families and faith communities." How can one "augment" without trampling the wishes and faith of families? Schools are again trying the in loco parentis approach rather than partnering with parents. In surveys, teens repeatedly name their parents as their major influence on decision-making. That connection should be protected as a valuable resource.

The bill also requires medical accuracy and a full discussion of contraceptive methods. Due to the age and medical history of students, medical professionals, not laypeople, should recommend contraceptive methods in a one-on-one physical exam and medical counseling appointment, preferably with a parent or guardian present. While abstinence-centered programs do not ignore contraception, they do not go into details on specific methods for just that reason.

This bill also ignores all research and evaluations that abstinence-centered programs are very effective. It also misrepresents a quoted comprehensive sex education study which clearly states that even the best of these programs are effective for only one-third of the participants for up to one year and then for only some of the desired outcomes. Nor does it include data that teen sexual activity is increasing and contraceptive use decreasing. Comparisons to the rest of the world are misleading because reporting systems are not standardized within or among nations.

The current administration is backing only comprehensive sex education. Removing support from abstinence-centered education is ill-advised especially when the consequences of teen sexual activity are escalating. Policy makers and program directors need to stop polarizing the issue and work together to determine what is best for our children, their future and that of our country. However, bills like this one and the misleading damage they do make that impossible. When few have even looked at an abstinence-centered program, they are abandoning an important research-based approach.

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The good, the bad, and the ugly

Abstinence-only vs. safe sex education

Olivia Schuenke
UW-Stout student contributor

Chances are good that you've experienced some sort of sex education during your youth. There is also a good chance you have known someone who has had an unplanned pregnancy or a sexually transmitted disease. Whether or not it can be attributed on the type of sex education that person received is unknown; however, studies don't deny that abstinence-only education isn't the best method of attaining a low unwanted pregnancy and STD rate.

Most abstinence-only education teaches students to postpone sex until they're married and ready to conceive children. I don't think anyone would disagree that the only way to be 100 percent safe from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases is to abstain from sex, but the reality is that if people are given the chance to have sex, they're not likely going to say no just because their teacher told them so. Safe-sex education doesn't encourage teenagers to have sex - it simply gives people the resources to make an informed and healthy decision. When people aren't given the proper education for their sexual health, they're much more likely to be in danger of believing myths about pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

The federal government reportedly spent nearly $176 million a year on abstinence-only education during the Bush administration. With this staggering amount of money, I am seriously wondering why teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases are among the most dire of our social issues in the United States? Perhaps we have been seeking the wrong kind of sex education for our youth.

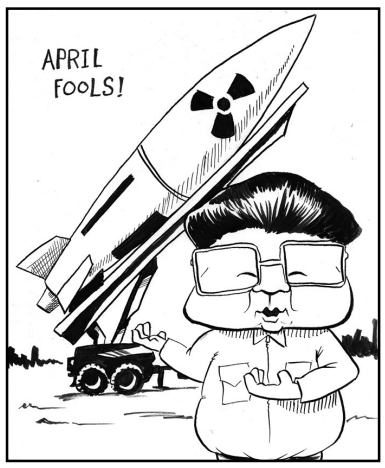
Another important issue that comes with teaching kids and teenagers to wait until marriage for sex has a bit of a twisted and contradicting idea from our government. What kind of message is being sent to the millions of homosexuals who go through these abstinence-only programs but aren't lawfully allowed to marry? Sure, they don't have unwanted pregnancies, but sexually transmitted diseases are blind to gender and sexual orientation.

And if America is "the land of the free," then what right to we have to teach people not to have sex until they're married? Having sex should be a choice for every person to make once they're ready and willing. The best way to make Americans the happiest they can be with their sexual health is to educate them on how to protect themselves once they make the decision to take part in sex.

Luckily, there is hope! Programs like Planned Parenthood have offices all around the United States that promote safe-sex education, as well as providing condoms, emergency birth control, dental dams and information on how to protect yourself from the risks of unsafe sex. For these services, people are asked to pay what they can afford toward the non-profit program. With the help of this great organization, as well as many others around the country, education about sexual health is becoming more common. Providing the facts on safe sex is the most effective way to encourage the understanding that practicing unsafe sex does not only harm yourself but also harms your partner. Let's hope America will soon pick up on the clue that abstinence-only education is a fairly ineffective method, and that we need to adopt a new education system in which we teach students sex education they can use for the rest of their lives.

COMIC CORNER

COMICS BY MARC ANDERSON





letters to the editor

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"Screw you, commuters!"

Jadyn Beyer
Copy Editor

Commuter parking at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is a joke.

Getting a parking permit at the beginning of the school year was too much of a hassle for me, but after spending countless quarters on metered parking, I finally gave in and paid $123 for a floppy green piece of plastic with a "C" emblazoned on it. And guess what? I'm STILL paying for metered parking, and I am continuously late to class.

If you're not a commuter, picture this: It's Monday at 8:55 a.m. and you have class at 9:05. You drive to the commuter lot closest to your class, but it's full. You see other students frantically looking for spots, failing miserably, and driving to other lots in the vicinity. After checking all of the lots that are somewhat in the area of the Home Economics building, where you have class, you have three options. You can drive to the lot across the street from North Hall, making you 10-15 minutes late for class. You could also park in a metered spot near Home Economics, but if you're lacking change, you might have to leave your car in the spot and just hope the meter guy doesn't come by and charge you five dollars. Or, you could just get pissed off and go home, missing class and possible quizzes.

For $123, don't you think that your options should be better than these? Well, they're not. UW-Stout seems to be sending out an official "screw you" to its commuters, and the lack of parking is just the tip of the iceberg. Why is it that UW-Stout is pouring money into making the MSC and Commons more aesthetically pleasing? The answer is simple: The university is only concerned with making money off of incoming students (I'm not even going to mention the low admission standards), who are NOT commuters. Prospective undergraduates are not typically concerned about commuter parking, so why spend money on it?

Students who commute already have at least 60 credits. UW-Stout has received lots of money from these students, and, chances are, they will continue to receive tuition money from these students until graduation. Commuters aren't wasting their money on overcrowded university housing anymore ("wasting" because I pay much, much less for my apartment and groceries in a year than I paid for housing and meals in two semesters, but that's a different topic), so the only money the university is getting from them is tuition and fees. Why should the university even care about commuters?

There are a few good reasons. Students who are commuters will probably be more likely to graduate from UW-Stout than freshmen students living in the dorms. For school administrators, caring about graduating students is essentially giving a damn about UW-Stout. In the years after graduation, these former students will receive calls about giving to their alma mater. If the former student remembers that UW-Stout provided what they needed during their entire time at the school, one would expect that they would be more likely to give money to the school. If the student remembers countless mornings without parking spots and having to pay for a metered spot even though they have a parking permit, the student will not want to give funds to UW-Stout because UW-Stout has already robbed them of enough money. UW-Stout should also remember that students who leave their school might go on to have very successful lives. UW-Stout does not want these people tainting its name due to the fact that the university doesn't care about its students.

Here is my solution: Since there's not much room for a new parking lot, UW-Stout should build a parking ramp. This will ensure adequate parking for all commuters. A parking ramp is much more useful to students than the makeovers of Commons and the MSC and it is worth the money needed to build it. I'm sure that UW-Stout has the money for it already, saved up in a jar labeled "Permit, Meter and Expired Meter (Ha ha! We got you!) Funds." A parking ramp would make for happier students who are on time for class. Students would not have to spend money on parking meters when they already have a parking permit, and students without parking issues will think better of their school.

C'mon, UW-Stout. You've taken enough of our money. It's time for you to give something back.

Times are changing, our views should, too

Kelli Fox
UW-Stout student contributor

About a year ago for the Honors Program colloquium, I read a book by Peter Singer and John Mason called "The Ethics of What We Eat." As I began to process the messages within the book, it changed my views about what I put on my plate. So, last semester, I decided to become a vegetarian. But make no mistake; I am not implying that everyone should become a vegetarian. I just hope that people start to think about what consequences all of our choices have on the environment and quality of life for people now and in the future. I do not ask for complete agreement, I just ask that you take another perspective of the circle of life into consideration.

When people think of vegetarianism, often the vision of the hippie animal rights protestor comes to mind, but it is so much more than that. I have often heard it is in the natural order of life for humans to eat meat. But how is the widespread practice of conventional farming, which the high demand for animal products has resulted in, consisting of raising mass amounts of animals on concrete floors, confined in extremely tight spaces, knowing only a life of mistreatment and cruelty, injected with antibiotics and growth hormones, the "natural order" of things? Isn't humanity capable of more compassion than this?

Furthermore, you can also do yourself a favor by eating lower on the food chain. High consumption of animal products, especially meat, may contribute to a greater risk of many chronic health conditions such as Type II Diabetes, high blood pressure, various forms of cancer, kidney disease, heart disease and osteoporosis. Americans often tend to eat the diet of affluence and live an inactive lifestyle, and we seem to assume that ingesting a high rate of animal products is necessary for our health. Many less-affluent cultures have had primarily vegetarian diets, with lower rates of chronic diseases, and usually lower BMIs (Body Mass Index – a ratio of height to weight that can help predict health). Many of the chronic conditions we suffer from today have hardly been known to man until recent Western prosperity.

Granted, you have probably already heard the argument for animal rights, and you have probably heard about the health benefits. But what about the environmental impact? Livestock consume a huge amount of resources. And it makes sense that it would be less efficient to feed animals grain that we could be eating ourselves, doesn't it? We have to grow fields of grain to feed the animals, irrigate these lands, have more land to house them and take care of their large amount of waste, which far exceeds our own.

Rainforests are continually being destroyed and converted into agricultural lands, resulting in negative side effects on the environment to support our dietary practices. Beef is destructive in terms of our limited supplies of available land, clean water and fuel. According to "The Vegetarian Way" by Virginia and Mark Messina, a steer must consume about seven pounds of grain to produce a single pound of beef. According to WhyVeg.com, it is estimated that one-third to one-half of the people worldwide struggle to get enough food. We're feeding animals food that could be used to feed starving and malnourished human beings. The Web site also states that if we reduced meat intake by 50 percent, we could save 33.6 million people in extreme poverty globally who are suffering from malnutrition! Talk about making a difference.

On a positive note, people are becoming increasingly aware of the need to live more in harmony with the entirety of the earth's resources, instead of raging destruction upon them. But there is still a large gap between philosophy and reality. And, though Americans represent only about four percent of the world's population, we use approximately 25 percent of its resources. Isn't there something wrong with that? More pressing is the global trend of adapting American culture, so resources are now being consumed more than ever. With a current population of 6.7 billion, which is expected to double at its present rate of growth in about 50 years, what does that mean for us and for the earth? Is it even possible for the earth to sustain that kind of material alteration? In the words of Paul McCartney, "If anyone wants to save the planet, all they have to do is just stop eating meat. That's the single most important thing you could do. It's staggering when you think about it. Vegetarianism takes care of so many things in one shot: ecology, famine, cruelty." Can we consider making a personal contribution that would benefit all of humanity, the environment and even our own individual health and well-being?

I encourage you now to do a little research of your own. Analyze every aspect of your lifestyle and how it affects others, yourself and the environment, and ask yourself: Is this really necessary? Will I regret not buying/using/eating that a week/month/year from now? Or can I do without it? I am far from perfect, or from having everything figured out, but I believe we can learn so much about each other if we open-mindedly consider viewpoints that differ from our own past perceptions. I believe that taking an active interest will benefit us all.

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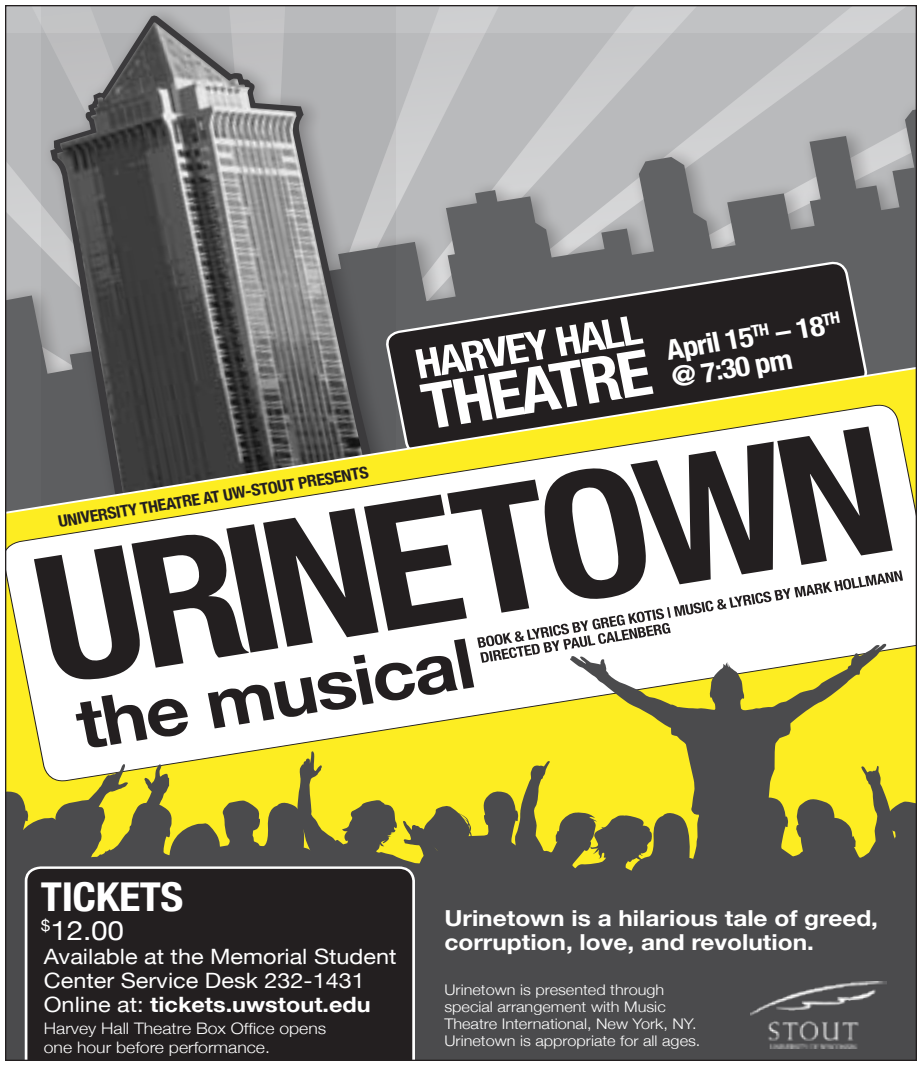
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Kristen Korkowski | musical talent opening for Mason Jennings



Kristen Korkowski/Submitted Photo

Ashely Smolen
Entertainment Editor

The opportunity to open for a chart-topping musician is one that most of us, musician or otherwise, may never see. However, for University of Wisconsin-Stout freshman Kristen Korkowski, this "experience of a lifetime" is just around the corner. Korkowski, an apparel design student, will be opening for Mason Jennings at his April 8 concert. What follows next is an e-mail interview conducted with the talented Kristen Korkowski.

Q: What is your musical background? Have you taken voice/instrumental lessons? Do you come from a musical family?
A: Well, I'm pretty sure I came out of the womb singing. My baby videos can confirm this. It's always been a passion. I took piano lessons as a kid, but nothing elaborate. And as far as voice lessons go, I had one and then my teacher moved to Maine (not because of me, I hope). My family was never extremely "musical" so I'm not sure where I got it from. I'm glad I did though!
Q: Do you write all your own music? What is your greatest source of inspiration?
A: Yes, I write all of my own music. I have so many things that inspire me, whether it be some really good pie, a movie or a cute boy I saw. One of my more recent songs, "Color Me Lovely" started out because my grandma e-mailed me telling me that I should write some happier songs. My immediate thought was, "What's happier than coloring?"
Q: Do you have any published CDs or plans to make a CD?
A: Yes, actually, I am working on getting a CD released right now. Hopefully I will have them ready to go for Mason Jennings.
Q: Have you ever performed in a concert or opened for an artist before?
A: Nope. My biggest gigs have been playing at the Acoustic Cafè and/or singing in my kitchen (which, I might add, is quite the production). This is a completely new experience for me.
Q: How did you learn of the opportunity to open for Mason Jennings?
A: I was contacted by Blue Devil Productions, actually. Hannah, the musical director, e-mailed me saying that a friend of hers showed her my music and she really liked it. So it kind of went from there.
Q: What was your reaction when you learned you'd be opening for him?
A: I think I might have actually fallen off my chair and choked on the candy I was eating, and then proceeded to squeal and dance around my dorm room. After that, I immediately called my mother.
Q: Are you a fan of Mason Jennings?
A: I adore Mason. I am really hoping to get his autograph or, if I'm lucky, a picture ... hopefully he reads this...
Q: Is music something you've ever wished to make a career of?
A: Only every day of my life! I didn't pursue it earlier because I didn't think I had what it takes. I'm a lot more confident about it now and am definitely looking at trying to make a career out of it. I've got a shoe addiction I have to feed (buy my CD, cough, cough.)
Q: What is your next hope/dream for your music?
A: Well, in a perfect world, I guess it would be for me to get a record deal. I'm crossing my fingers on that one. Then maybe a tour, perhaps in local shops around the greater Menomonie area, or one where I'd actually leave the state of Wisconsin. I'm not picky.
Q: What is your favorite aspect of music and/or performing?
A: Just the rush I get. It's so amazing. Though I do get super nervous at first, so don't make fun of me if my hands are shaking an excessive amount.
Q: Is there ever anything about music that frustrates you?
A: There are some times when the music will just come, and all I'll have to do is write it down. There are other times, though, when I just get stuck. That's probably the most frustrating thing about it. Also, I wish I were more knowledgeable about music. My piano knowledge basically stops at knowing the names of the notes. My songwriting process consists of me just trying to find notes that sound good together and going from there.
Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years (musically or otherwise)?
A: Hmm, I'm going to set my hopes high on this one. Married, living in London, singing for a profession. Dream life.
Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your musical career?
A: I was playing once and looked out into the audience and saw someone mouthing the words to one of my songs. There was just something about that that was so amazing.

Kristen Korkowski's musical career, while a lifelong endeavor, is reaching new heights this coming week. In response to this opportunity, she stated, "I just want to thank everyone [who has] helped me; I would still be plunking out chords in the South Hall basement if it weren't for all of the support I've gotten."

From "In the Ever" to Menomonie, Mason Jennings set to play



Blue Devil Productions/Submitted Photo

Ashely Smolen
Entertainment Editor

As the weather begins to get warmer, the concert circuit at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is also beginning to heat up. This is especially true of Thursday, April 8, when Mason Jennings, a veteran to the list of top Billboard albums and a local musician hailing from Minneapolis, is slotted to play in UW-Stout's Great Hall. This isn't a new endeavor to Jennings, who has performed in Menomonie several times before, as well as performing in countless concerts across the country.

Jennings, whose musical career has been a lifelong journey, began writing music at age 12 and put a melody to his words at age 15. While having taken some piano and guitar lessons, Jennings is a primarily self-taught and naturally talented musician that finds great joy in sharing his music with fans. With a self-described style as "personal—as unique as every human," Jennings finds that his greatest inspirations have come from relationships, whether it is between lovers, parents, family and friends, nature or between a person and God.

His most recent album, "In the Ever," was inspired by his young sons and the woods in Minnesota. For this album, Jennings recorded songs in a studio in the woods using two microphones and a laptop, writing songs by morning, recording by afternoon and finishing by night, Jennings found this experience to be "really relaxing," and one he would "love to do again."

Recording is a huge part of any musician's career, and for Jennings, it was the most defining moment. Beginning as a young talent, he performed at a number of coffee shops when an industry professional gave him the nudge to record his first album to share his music with the world and to jump-start his musical career. Jennings took the advice to heart and recorded his first CD at home, which began his successful musical career today.

Jennings, who is set to tour over the summer with friend and fellow musician Jack Johnson, is looking forward to the excitement of playing shows and simply enjoying playing on stage. Though no stranger to performances, Jennings noted that he's never had a bad on-stage experience and finds that every night he is "grateful to be on stage." While the tour circuit can be grueling and makes it difficult for Jennings to be with his family, he finds time for yoga and meditation every day and in between shows to keep his focus, and takes the opportunity to experience Thai restaurants and local food co-ops of the city he's in.

As his career continues to build and take him from the woods of Minnesota to touring with Jack Johnson, Jennings remains focused on the present and avoids worrying about what is yet to come. He stated, "I hear about too many people who spend too much of their lives worrying about things that never happen," and when asked where he sees himself in five years, Jennings responded, "I don't think too much about the future." Rather, he lives by the idea that life should be taken "day by day, one step at a time … at the end of the day, it's between you and God … it's between you and your higher power."

At a glance:

Who: Blue Devil Productions presents Mason Jennings with special guests Rae Cassidy and Kristen Korkowski

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Kitanahpalooza drag show | Queens were in the house at UW-Stout



Sonia Vasile/Stoutonia

Dominique DeGrant struts her stuff at Kitanahpalooza.

Ileah Midthun
Staff Writer

Kitanahpalooza, formerly known as Dragapalooza, has once again made a stunning appearance at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The night was full of heels, high kicks and divas.

This year's show was a memorial for two queens that recently passed away, one a former UW-Stout student. Phimmanou Opboune passed away on Dec. 6, 2008 in a car crash. His drag name was Kitanah Kim, and he performed at UW-Stout on many different occasions with her Eau Claire family. She was an active member of Out @ Stout and ran for 2008 Homecoming Queen. She will be greatly missed.

The second honoree of the evening was Daniel Hoffman, or Miss Stephanie Brooks. She was in charge of numerous shows that benefitted the Red Cross and AIDS research in Wisconsin. She lost her battle with cancer on May 21, 2006.

There are scholarships out in these girls' names at both UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire. It is in memory of the two and all that they did for the drag world. All of the tips that were received from the audience at the show go towards the "Fairy Godmother Scholarship."

There is also a raffle to raise money for this scholarship. Sales are going on now and there are numerous prizes to be won, such as an iPod, a five-hour rental of a sky box at the Stout Ale House to watch a sporting event and many different gift certificates from the Menomonie area. Tickets are $2 and the drawing is April 17 at the "Night of Noise" program. You do not need to be present to win.

One of the first of many stunning acts at the show was Miss Dee-Lovely. She has been performing since 1997 and has appeared on the Jerry Springer show. She was also Dr. Frank N. Furter in the Chippewa Valley's debut of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". She performed quite an array of song choices while at UW-Stout, which included a song by Madonna, an act where she pulled a male member from the audience that gives the "parental advisory" label to the show and also a live performance closing the show where she sang "Don't Know Why" by Norah Jones. She will go down in the drag history books as an extremely memorable component.

Jem, another performer, is coined as the "Skinny Bitch." Known for her outstanding performances, she truly shocked and awed the UW-Stout audience. She performed "Rockstar" by Pink, followed by a country song and she also performed a duet with another performer, Dominique DeGrant, for the first time ever. She has been performing since 2004 and was a top finalist in America for LOGO RuPaul's drag race where she was in the top 20 in the country. Her name is coined from the '80's cartoon "Jem and the Holograms" which was her favorite cartoon growing up as a kid. She is obsessed with the Spice Girls and is ecstatic at their reunion.

Gildra is one of the founding performers of the first-ever drag show in Wisconsin in 1985. She has impersonated countless classics such as Lucille Ball, Gilda Radner and Lily Tomlin. She performed songs entitled "I'm So Tired" and "Let's Talk Dirty to the Animals" as well as a joke session with Deb U. Taunte.

Dominique DeGrant is a newer member to the drag world. She performed for the first time ever last year at UW-Stout. She has since gone on to become an audience favorite and is known for her energetic performances and stunning high kicks. She is currently running for Miss Chippewa Valley on April 4. She performed "Womanizer" by Britney Spears and "Just Dance" by Lady Gaga. She also was the other half of the duet with Jem. She enjoys playing many different woodwind instruments and has done 10 shows in the past year.

Deb U. Taunte is Miss Chippewa Valley 2008. She performed "Big, Blond and Beautiful" from Hairspray to win this crown. She has been performing since 2007. During the UW-Stout performance this year, she performed "I Hate Myself for Lovin' You" and a few other songs, along with accompanying Gildra in the joke segment of the show.

Miss Domino was the Master of ceremonies and did a fantastic job of keeping the audience in line. Whether it be attitude checks or busting out her first drag performance ever, she is a true entertainer. She performed "Got Money" by Lil Wayne. She was accompanied by her niece and son danced their way into the audience's hearts and had them shimmying in their seats. Miss Domino has appeared on Oprah and the Tyra Banks show alongside Janet Jackson.

Rex, one of the newest members of King's Corner, is truly a heartthrob. He performed a striptease to "I'm Too Sexy." He also performed "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness, during which he pulled a fried chicken leg out of his fanny pack. He will surely be something to watch for in the future and is a definite crowd pleaser.

Vinny is one of the founding members of King's Corner and is a headline in the Madison and Minneapolis areas' Gay Pride events. During one of his hilarious performances he passed out popsicles to the tipping audience.

Ophelia Junque was supposed to perform but was unable to because of an injury. She designed and made most of the performer's costumes and is the founder of the House of Junque which is considered couture worn by many drag impersonators in Wisconsin.

This show was definitely a memorable one and was a night full of firsts and fun. It was also an excellent way to raise money for the scholarship that benefits our school and the students in it. So next time there is a drag show at campus or somewhere else, stop in and take a look.

Clothesline Project on display at UW-Stout campus

April is Sexual Awareness Month: UW-Stout students raise awareness

Students in Dr. Susan Wolfgram's Abuse and the Family class at the University of Wisconsin Stout collaborated with Jessica Bryan Coordinator of the Campus Violence Prevention Project, Gamma Sig Sorority, and the Mental Health Alliance to increase sexual assault awareness for their social action project. The group chose the Clothesline Project in hopes to increase sexual assault awareness on campus and in our community. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 in Massachusetts after members of the Cape Cod Women's Agenda hung shirts designed by survivors of assault, rape, and incest. The project educates viewers about violence against women, and promotes pro-active ways to prevent violence. The Clothesline Project puts a human face on the statistics of violence against women while celebrating women's strength to survive and courageously break the silence.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month; the shirt display will be in different locations around Menomonie during the month of April. Project Group members include: Heather Van den Heuvel (Project Manager), Jane Salazar, Courtney Ulmen and Courtney Hendrickson.

At a glance:

Shirt display will be located at:

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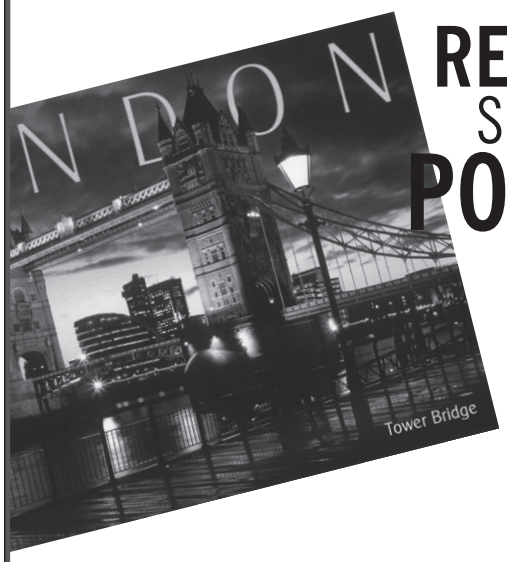
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I wanna be a supermodel | Stout Retail Association heads to Florida for Miami Fashion Week



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Left to right: Brianna Nelson, Kallie Meyer, Chelsea Ademino, Nikki Olynyk, Amy Kolias, Stephanie Adams, Rustie Johnson, Alexia Sebesta, Megan Thompson, Rianna Segner.

Jessica Derence
Guest Writer

Sixteen members of Stout Retail Association (SRA) traveled to Miami, Florida for spring break. This was no typical college spring break, but an experience that will never be forgotten. SRA had a once-in-a-lifetime experience to work backstage during Miami Fashion Week, which is the largest Hispanic and International fashion event in the United States.

The 11th Annual Miami Fashion Week showcased talented designers from 20 different countries and attracted over 500 international news press and over 250 buyers from around the world. It was an eye-opening experience to see what really goes on behind the scenes and feel the pressure and chaos that is involved with during a fashion show like MFW.

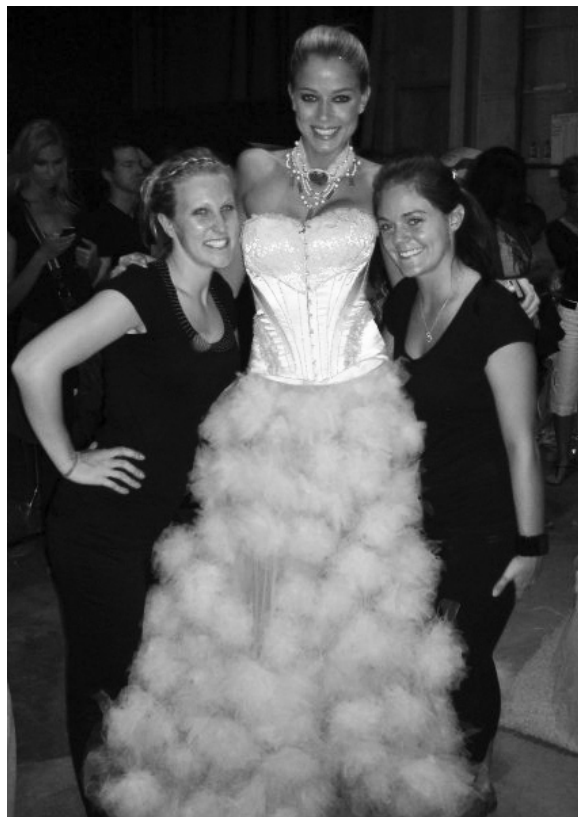
Although it was spring break for the students, SRA members worked hard and rigorously four out of seven days to represent UW-Stout and Stout Retail Association. "It was the most intense experience of my life," said Stephanie Linssen. "It was glamorous and a great way to network with people in the industry."

The schedules were not exactly established because the students were volunteers; therefore cooperation and patience were imperative. The first two volunteer days, members helped with the model call and model fittings. The last two days, SRA members were the dressers. As a student who got to take part in such an amazing experience, I thought it was incredible for them to give us such responsibility and trust; we were a big part of making the show happen.

Each night consisted of three fashion shows back-to-back. Once the garment racks were rolled out the new ones were rolled in and the show began. You really needed to take initiative, be aggressive and think on your feet. "Make it work" was heard and said throughout the building and that quote has never been so real prior to those two nights of the show.

SRA members worked extremely hard, but also took advantage of Miami's beautiful weather and surroundings. As volunteers, SRA members received free admission into the Saturday nights fashion show. Watching from the audience, you would never imagine what really goes on behind the scenes because everything comes together so smoothly and it looks incredible. I guess you never know what happens unless you experience it firsthand and now that I have had that chance, I appreciate and enjoy the show even more.

Miami Fashion Week was an amazing opportunity and another avenue some students might adventure to in the future. Either way, working at Miami Fashion Week was a spring break that will never be forgotten.



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Amy Kolias and Lindsey Dix pose with a model that they helped dress for a runway show at Miami Fashion Week.

Raising the bar: Twin Cities coming to show UW-Stout where it's at

Kill the Vultures with Kredentials make their way to The Underground in the MSC

Andy Vogl
Staff Writer

This Thursday, April 2, University of Wisconsin-Stout welcomes Twin City hip-hoppers Kill the Vultures, along with Kredentials to the Underground for a night of head bobbin' and shoe stompin'. These two fresh and vivacious groups personify the cultural zeitgeist that is Twin Cities hip-hop, and are sure to put on a memorable show. Plus, it's free for UW-Stout students!

Kill the Vultures is a hip-hop group that blurs genre boundaries by merging jarring, inharmonious melodies with booming rhythms and raspy rhymes. They aren't your typical hip-hop group; Fader magazine labeled them as "a band hell bent on using beats and rhymes to sound like bent hell." Kill the Vultures' free-jazz style loops add yet another dimension to this multi-faceted hip-hop powerhouse. Their raw originality and musical prowess makes their live shows well worth a Thursday night.

KTV's stripped down, grit and grind approach to hip-hop music has earned them a great deal of attention in the Twin Cities and surrounding area. They have shared the stage with numerous big names in the local scene, including P.O.S., Ben Weaver and Dosh. Their honest, provocative music is a shining example of why Minnesota hip-hop has been pegged as some of the the best.

The opening act, Kredentials, is a Minneapolis-based group that blends jazzy beats, funky bass lines and soulful melodies to create powerful, poetic and down-to-earth sounds. A full live performance band backs lead emcees Shawn Kretz and Keith Dent, giving their shows a boost of heart-thumping energy that you have to experience for yourself.

As their MySpace page states, "There is no why. It just is!" Kredentials embody the true spirit of hip-hop and music as an artistic expression. When they are on stage, you know they're having fun, which in turn livens up even the most lethargic of crowds. The sharp ring of animated keyboards coupled with impressively heartfelt back-up vocals make Kredentials a must-see live act. Don't miss out!

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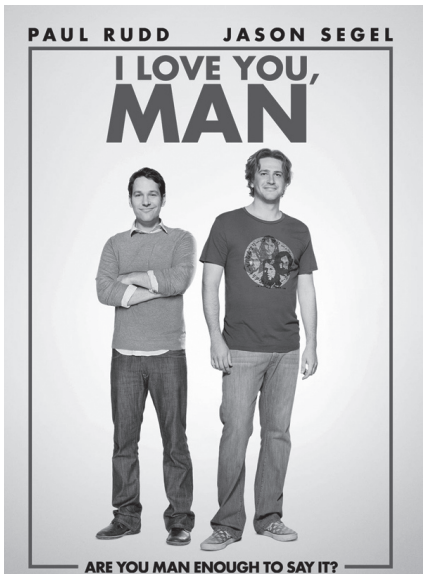
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I Love You, Man: guys can be friends without added benefits



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A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas
Staff Writers

A man proposes to his girlfriend with whom he seems to have a perfect relationship. During the planning of the wedding, he realizes he doesn't really have someone to act as his best man. He seems to relate to women better than men. At first, it doesn't seem to be a big deal, but when he overhears his fiancé's friends talking about how pathetic they think this is, he decides to start man-dating. He gets into some uncomfortable situations along the way and meets some strange people. Finally, when he has just about given up, he meets Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), a guy who is almost the opposite of Klaven. While Klaven is uptight and sort of a metrosexual, Fife is sloppier and much more laid back, just the sort of friend he needs.

A.J.: Paul Rudd, who plays the main character, Peter Klaven, seems to have the right amount of awkwardness as he sets about to find a male friend to be his best man. He doesn't have as much personality as he had in other movies. The camaraderie wasn't as good between Rudd and Segel as there was between Rudd and Seann William Scott, for instance, in "Role Models." They were fine in their separate roles, but didn't play off each other as much as they could have. Overall, it had its moments, but its lame blowjob jokes, somewhat flat acting and lack of camaraderie made it watchable, but nothing too special.
6/10

Katie: "I Love you, Man" is a refreshing, well-put-together comedy. It isn't the typical comedy where guys are trying to ultimately get with women, but its target audience is definitely still men. It isn't overloaded with crude jokes and demeaning views towards women, which was nice (there really *can* be a good comedy without half-naked women running around!).

Rudd played his awkward character perfectly, and I'd love to have a friend like the one Segel played. The two meshed together well and created a believable friendship that has you laughing from their first encounter to the ending scene.
I'd recommend going to see it in the theaters- twice. It's definitely worth the time and money.

10/10

Knowing: how much do you think you really know?



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A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas
Staff Writers

Knowing is a sci-fi/thriller centering around John Koestler (played by Nicholas Cage) and his son, Caleb (played Chandler Canterbury). He receives a strange piece of paper with a bunch of numbers written all over it from a time capsule which has been buried 50 years, which his dad deciphers because he's bored and has no social life. He discovers that the numbers correlate to disasters that have occurred over the years. A strange, creepy little girl wrote these numbers fifty years earlier, and it's up to John to find her and uncover the truth.

A.J.: This movie was better than average. It had many of the same elements other sci-fi movies and other thrillers, but a blending of the genres like this is rare. At first it feels like the movie "Signs" with the family living relatively isolated out in the country and then something unknown seemingly haunting or stalking them. Then it turns into a sci-fi movie after they realize what is out there in the trees.

The thriller aspect is good. It's interesting to see Cage's character trying to figure out what to do with his new knowledge of what is to happen. The ending is fairly interesting as well. The only thing missing from this movie are characters we can really relate to.
7.2/10

Katie: I went into "Knowing" with an expectation of a suspenseful, mind-bending thriller. In the end, I wasn't disappointed. However, there were a couple of unforeseen aspects to the movie that took it from the good, and landed it in the so-so category. While I do enjoy a good science fiction movie every now and then, this movie used more sci-fi qualities than I thought necessary, cheesy special effects and a prosperous plot. I was also a little disappointed in Nicholas Cage's acting. There was no depth to his character and he wasn't believable.
There was also one miniscule thing that hindered my movie-going experience: everyone leaves the car doors open/unlocked. It almost bothered me as much as when the teen-aged virgin runs up the stairs instead of out the door when the crazy axe murderer is chasing her in horror movies.

But overall, the movie did put me on the edge of my seat more than once and it had an excellent ending. I'd recommend going to see it in the cheap theaters.

6/10



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Friday, April 3
The Histronic
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Saturday, April 4
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10 p.m.

Thursday, April 9
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Tuesday, April 14
The .357 String Band
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Music/Events at the Stones Throw

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Magical run ends with frozen four loss

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

A fantastic 2008-09 season has finally come to a close for the Blue Devil hockey team. After numerous come-from-behind wins, multiple All-American and All-Conference players, the University of Wisconsin-Stout reached the Frozen Four before losing to Gustavus Adolphus in the semi-finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Hockey Championship.

While the ultimate prize of a national championship was unable to be attained, the Blue Devils did win their first National Collegiate Hockey Association conference championship by defeating the University of Wisconsin-Superior 4-3 to win the Peters Cup.

Following their conference championship, the Blue Devils were then slated to take on a familiar foe, the Saints of St. Scholastica. This first round match up of the NCAA tournament would be the fourth meeting of the season for the Saints and Blue Devils.

In the previous three match ups all of the possible outcomes of a game were managed: win, loss and tie, so this time something had to give. UW-Stout took an early lead in the middle of the first period with an Andy Sternberg power play goal.

About the same time during the second period, the Saints were able to even things up on the scoreboard at 1-1. The tie would hold until the final minute when it appeared UW-Stout would be heading to yet another overtime game. The chances of an extra period were erased when All-American Jack Wolgemuth found the back of the net with 37 seconds left to play. The goal sealed the win and the first ever trip to the NCAA Division III Frozen Four.

Their opponent in the semi-final game was no stranger to the Blue Devils as Gustavus and UW-Stout squared off during the sixth game of the 2008-09 season. The result was a 6-5 defeat against one of the fastest teams in the region.

A second period power play goal by Gustavus started the scoring and immediately put UW-Stout in a hole, but this wasn't a concern, as playing with a deficit produced a calming effect for the team. Indeed, the Blue Devils responded minutes later as Joel Gaulrapp picked up a power play goal of his own off of dishes from Derek Hanson and Scott Motz. The tie would not last long.

Four minutes later, the Gusties were able to pick up yet another power play goal opportunity. The referees for this match-up seemed to be whistle-happy, as there were plenty of occasions for power play goals. Heading into third period with a 2-1 deficit, the Blue Devils once again showed why they are one of the hardest-working teams in the country as Scott Motz connected with a score and tied the game.

The defense held strong for the duration of regulation and they played with poise and tact as to not give the referees good reason to penalize them. As the game carried through overtime, UW-Stout was on the attack because of a substitution in goalies during the second period that was a result of an injury to its starter. In the end, it was the speed of Gustavus that spelled the demise of the Blue Devils. As the Gusties came down the ice, Patrick Dynan of Gustavus was able put the goal in the smallest of crevices of the human wall that is Matt Koenig.

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The goal sent the Gustavus bench into frenzy while looks of discontent began to fall upon the faces of the UW-Stout players. With the 3-2 win, Gustavus advanced to the championship game where they faced the Knights of Neumann College.

Neumann was able to carry their momentum from their semi-final and defeated Gustavus 4-1 for the Division III Ice Hockey Championship.

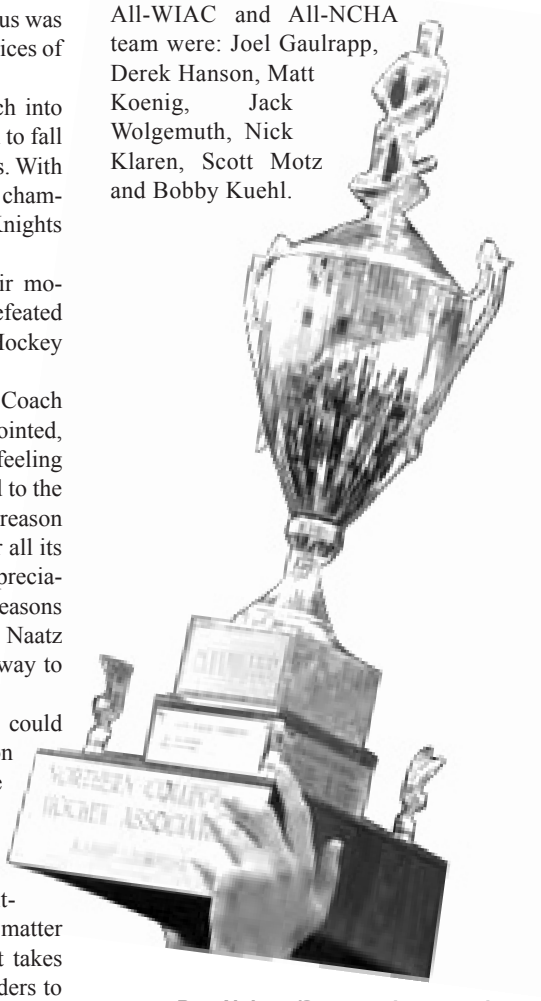
In a postgame press conference Coach Terry Watkins stated he was "disappointed, but very proud." I believe the latter feeling will hold stronger for longer compared to the former. Everyone on the campus has a reason to be proud of this year's team and for all its efforts, the University showed their appreciation during a ceremony to recap the seasons highlights. Head football coach Duey Naatz opened up the speaking and then led way to head coach Terry Watkins.

Listening to Watkins speak you could identify a strong sense of appreciation for the way all of his players were able to form a cohesive group that never strayed from their goal of being the best. Watkins praised the families of the players saying that good recruiting starts with the families and no matter how much hockey talent you have, it takes a good kid with his head on his shoulders to present himself in a respectable way. Along with praising the team and his coaching staff, Coach Watkins recognized the efforts of the fans and their enthusiasm they brought to each and every game. He even acknowledged the efforts of three UW-Stout students who drove all the way from Eugene, Ore. to Lake Placid, NY in order to support their Blue Devil Hockey team. Josh Fritz and SSA President Mike Lubke went to visit their friend Michael Broetzmann who is participating in the long distance education program that UW-Stout shares with the University of Oregon.

Many of the members of the team received post-season recognition by being named to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, NCHA and All-American award teams. Derek Hanson and Jack Wolgemuth were named All-Americans, first and second team, respectively. Hanson set a single season record for assists (26) while also setting the career mark for helpers during their semi-final loss to Gustavus (62). Wolgemuth has been one of the Blue Devils most consistent defensemen during his tenure here in Menomonie and is repeating his second team All-American selection. Among the players named to the All-WIAC and All-NCHA team were: Joel Gaulrapp, Derek Hanson, Matt Koenig, Jack Wolgemuth, Nick Klaren, Scott Motz and Bobby Kuehl.



Dan Nelson/Sports photographer
UW-Stout Senior goaltender Matt Koenig recorded 34 saves, turning back 14 shots in the third period and 12 in the second period. The Blue Devils beat UW-Superior 4-3 to win the Peters Cup on March 7.



Dan Nelson/Sports photographer

Badgers and Gophers eliminated early in March Madness

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

The Big Ten Conference was well-represented in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball tournament, sending seven of a possible 11 teams into the tournament. Included in the field of 65 were the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Golden Gophers and The University of Wisconsin–Madison Badgers. The Badgers entered the tournament as a 12-seed drawing a matchup against the Florida State University Seminoles who were the five seed in the East region.

The biggest test for the Badgers entering the game was stopping senior guard and third team All-American selection Toney Douglas. Douglas, who averaged over 20 points per game throughout the season, lived up to his billing by scoring 26 points and carrying the majority of the scoring load for the Seminoles. The Badgers made a second half surge after trailing by 12 at halftime and were able to come back and push the game into overtime behind the stellar shooting of junior guard Jason Bohannon, who led the Badgers with 16 points. The hero in overtime was junior guard Trevon Hughes from Queens, N.Y. who made the game-winning shot over Douglas and converted on the subsequent free throw to make the score 61-59. FSU would not have time to answer. The Badgers had four different players that scored in double figures while the success of the Seminoles was dependent on the play of Douglas. UW-Wisconsin was able to pull off the upset by playing together as a team even though only nine of the Badgers played in the game. This year's tournament proved that the parody of college basketball is increasing, with three different 12 seeds upsetting their favored fifth-ranked opponents.

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The dream for the Badgers came to an abrupt end as they were outmatched by the fourth-seeded Xavier Musketeers. Xavier University is located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Musketeers are perennially dominant in the Atlantic 10 conference and always prove difficult to beat come tournament time. The Badgers went into halftime with a two-point lead but squandered it quickly with poor shooting in the second half and ended up losing 60-49. Milwaukee's own Marcus Landry finished out his college career nicely by recording the only double-double in the tournament for UW-Madison.

The Golden Gophers also drew a tough matchup against a pre-season top 10 team in the University of Texas Longhorns. Coach Tubby Smith and his young Gophers team were not able to stop Longhorns senior guard A.J Abrams. At one point Abrams hit six straight three-pointers to blow the game wide open. Minnesota was not able to surmount a comeback as they faltered in their first appearance in the tournament since 2005. Abrams hit eight three-pointers total and finished the game with 26 points; junior guard Lawrence Westbrook led the Gophers with 19 points while junior forward Damian Johnson contributed 13.

The only representative left from the Big Ten is the Michigan State Spartans. Head coach Tom Izzo and star point guard Kalin Lucas will lead the Spartans against the University of Connecticut Huskies on Saturday, April 4 in Detroit for an opportunity to play in the national championship game against either the University of North Carolina Tar heels or the Villanova University Wildcats. The national championship game will be played on Monday, April 6 at Ford Field in Detroit.

2009 Final Four

Saturday April 4 at 6:07 p.m. ET
(1) Connecticut 31-4
(2) Michigan State 30-6

NCAA Championship Game
Monday April 6

Saturday April 4 at 8:47 p.m. ET
(1) North Corolina 32-4
(3) Villanonva 30-7



Ryan Stace

This five-foot eight-inch University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball player is a senior. He is from Oregon, Wis. and is a technology education major. In his spare time he enjoys hunting. In 2008, Stace started 31 of 35 games played for the Blue Devils.

Stace was recently named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference baseball position player of the week after his performance in UW-Stout spring break trip to Phoenix, Ariz. Stace propelled UW-Stout to a 7-3 record on its Phoenix trip. He had a hot bat, hitting 21-of-32 with four doubles, one triple, one home run and 11 RBIs. He also had a slugging percentage of .938. He was also perfect in the field as well, committing no errors at catcher.

The UW-Stout baseball team now has a four game home stretch that starts April 4 and runs until April 10. During that time it will play against UW-Platteville twice and UW-Oshkosh twice.



Eight records broken this season

Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's gymnastics team ended its season on a high note, finishing over .500. Eight of the 12 school records were broken this season, including the highest team performance in school history with a score of 183.8. It also had the highest team average score with of 178.085. UW-Stout junior Meghan Hargens highlighted the Blue Devils with a season worthy of high praise. In 10 out of 11 of UW-Stout's meets, Hargens finished first in the all-around, including when the Blue Devils faced a NCAA Division I Arizona and Brown University on Feb. 13.

Hargens now moves on to participate in the NCAA Division I tournament where she will compete in the North Central Region at the University of Iowa on Saturday, April 4. Hargens is the lone Division III gymnast to participate in the event. Last year, Hargens was a second alternate to the Division I meet. She had a very productive season this year as she was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference all-arounder of the week four times. She also owns the highest scores in the all-around and the uneven bars in UW-Stout's record books.

Regarding Hargens' chances of going to the Division I meet, teammate Naomi DeLara said, "As soon as Nationals was over, a bunch of us were recalculating her seasonal average all-around score to see if Meghan Hargens made it. I was jumping up and down in class when we found out officially. It's just so exciting. Hargens has made history and I couldn't be happier for her." DeLara finished the season with high honors as well, as she earned her second national title at the NCGA national tournament at Hamline University, earning first place on the floor exercise. It was DeLara's and UW-Stout's second title in women's gymnastics in school history. She also earned the award on the balance beam in 2008.

Blue Devils sweep DII UM-Crookston

Baseball continues strong start in Phoenix Arizona

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Since the University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball team is so young, it seemed likely that it would endure some early growing pains as the season began. Following a red-eye game in the Metrodome and its annual spring break trip to Arizona, this year's team is on pace to postseason highs in victories for the early goings of the 21st century. The team's best season in recent years was in 2001 when the team went 22-10-1 and a 9-3 start. 2009 could be the start of a historic year.

After sweeping Division II University of Minnesota-Crookston to open the season, the Blue Devils had some momentum heading into their 10-game road trip. To open the festivities in Phoenix, they matched up against Simpson College out of Indianola, Iowa.

The first game was a nail-biter as it came all the way down to the seventh inning for UW-Stout to win the opener. Jerrel Enerson-Matthews was able to translate his success on the hardwood to the diamond as he tied the game with a two-run single and then scored the winning run on a base hit by Ryan Gilberston. The Blue Devils were unable to pick up their second consecutive sweep in the second game and endured their first loss of the season.

The following day featured a match-up between two Wisconsin schools as UW-Stout took on Marian University (Fond Du Lac). The Blue Devils came out swinging in the first game by connecting on four long balls. However, that offensive firepower was unable to transfer to the second game as they finished with their second series split in a row.

After playing games in consecutive days, the team took the weekend to rest up for the duration of its road trip which resumed Monday. Monday's game was a battle of the devils as the Blue Devils took on the Red Devils of Dickinson College. Each of the two games required come from behind efforts but they each ended the same way as UW-Stout picked up its second sweep on the year.

The first game seemed to be a lock but the pitching staff had a minor meltdown in the sixth inning by giving up a 9-4 lead that ended in a 9-9 tie headed into the final inning. A pair of two-run singles prevented the comeback by the Red Devils. The second half of the doubleheader needed a little overtime to settle things, but UW-Stout was able to pull out the victory in eight innings thanks to some shutdown pitching by Dave Oestreich who picked up the win.

Not wanting to put the brooms back in the closet just yet, UW-Stout assaulted the pitching of Knox College to tally their third sweep of the year, winning both games of its doubleheader.

The first game had three players go 3-4 and another 4-4 while combining for 23 hits total and a 14-8 victory. The second game had its share of offense but wasn't quite the blowout the first game was. It took another final inning comeback to clinch the win but this kind of determination will be crucial when the conference schedule comes into full swing.

Wrapping things up on the desert trip was its finale against State University of New York–New Paltz. The offense now seems to be firing on all cylinders as UW-Stout dominated the first game 16-4. Brian Geibel played a big part in the run scoring with a four-RBI day on 3-4 hitting; all of his hits were doubles.

The Blue Devils nearly picked up their sixth win in a row but as pitcher Matt Doornink carried a shutout into the sixth inning, the SUNY-New Paltz players were able to pick up his pitches, unlike the previous five innings, and scored four runs to give them a one run lead heading into the seventh. The late game magic started to shine as the Blue Devils were able to load the bases but it was all for naught as all three runners were left stranded and the game was lost 4-3.

Overall, it was a very successful road trip as the team went 7-3 against several quality opponents. The impact play of Geibel, Gilbertson and Ryan Stace will continue to pay positive dividends throughout the season.

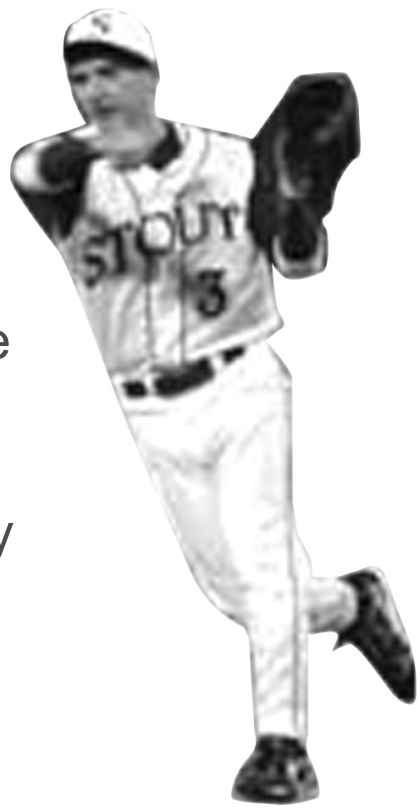
The addition of Enerson-Matthews has also provided a spark of athleticism on both sides of the ball. In the seven games he has played, Enerson-Matthews has hit for a .565 average, five RBI's, and holds a perfect fielding percentage. The pitching staff is showing signs of progress with a respectable 4.23 team ERA.

The Blue Devils took the field against Stevens Point on April 1 for the conference opener for both teams. UW-Stout failed to show their offensive firepower as UW-Stevens Point defeated them 12-1 in the first game and 5-4 in the second. UW-Stout will play their first home game of the season on April 4 as the University of Wisconsin-Platteville comes to town for a weekend. Each game is scheduled to start at noon.



Layne Pitt/Sports information director
UW-Stout played UM-Crookston on March 4, beating them 2-0 in the first game and 8-1 in the second.

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Layne Pitt/Sports information director

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Blue Devil Baseball

Record: 9-5

The UW-Stout men's baseball team has been on a roll recently winning five of its last six games. Blue Devils senior Ryan Stace was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference baseball position player of the week after his performance in UW-Stout spring break trip to Phoenix, Ariz. Stace propelled UW-Stout to a 7-3 record on its Phoenix trip. He had a hot bat, hitting 21-of-32 with four doubles, one triple, one home run and 11 RBIs. He also had a slugging percentage of .938. UW-Stout now looks to continue its progressive play in its four home game stretch.

Next game: (Home) against UW-Platteville on Saturday, April 4 at noon.

Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 23-6-2

For the first time in school history the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils hockey team has won the Peters Cup trophy when it defeated the University of Wisconsin-Superior 4-3 on March 7. The win stretched UW-Stout's unbeaten streak to 14 games and its winning streak to nine games. Due to the NCHA Championship victory, the Blue Devils were then automatically qualified for the NCAA tournament. In the NCAA second round the Blue Devils defeated St. Scholastica 2-1. In the NCAA Championship game, UW-Stout fell just short to Gustavus Adolphus 3-2 in overtime.

Next game: Season has concluded

Blue Devil Softball

Record: 9-7

The UW-Stout women's softball team has had a back and forth season thus far. Although it has lost four of its last five games it remains above .500. The softball team will be holding an alumni event on April 4. All UW-Stout softball alumni are invited to attend the event where the 2005 WIAC Tournament Championship team will be recognized. Following the festivities at Alumni Field, a social event will be held at the Stout Ale House. For more information regarding the event contact the softball office at 715-232-1336.

Next game: (Home) against UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

Men's baseball team sweep Division II UM-Crookston, Men's hockey team wins the Peters Cup for the first time in school history, Women's gymnastics team break eight of 12 records this season.

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05 **Baseball** Noon vs. UW-Plateville in Menomonie, Wis. **Softball** Noon vs. UW-Whitewater in Menomonie, Wis. **Men's Golf** 9 a.m. Loras Tournament in Dubuque, IA	**06** **Men's Golf** 9 a.m. Loras Tournament in Dubuque, IA	**07** **How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop** 10:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building	**08** **Resume and Letter Writing** 12:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building **Mason Jennings with Rae Cassidy and Kristen Korkowski** Cost: $9 UW-Stout students/ $15 public 8 p.m. The Great Hall, MSC	**09** **International Students – How to Find a Co-op/ Internship workshop** 1:25 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building **Baseball** 1 p.m. vs. UW-Oshkosh in Menomonie, Wis.	**10** *Spring Holiday, No Classes* **Men's and Women's Track and Field** 10:30 a.m. Gustavus Invite in St. Peter, Minn. **Baseball** Noon vs. UW-Oshkosh in Menomonie, Wis. **Softball** 2 p.m. vs. UW-River Falls in River Falls, Wis. **Women's Golf** Carleton Invite in Northfield, Minn.	**11** **Women's Golf** Carleton Invite in Northfield, Minn.
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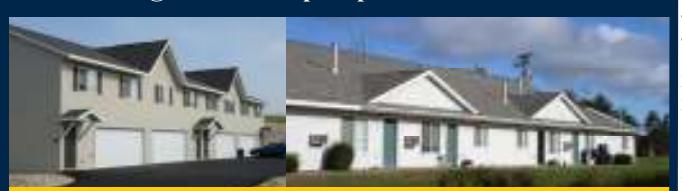
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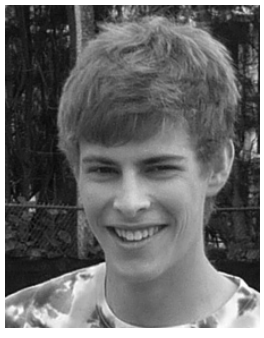
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Budgeting losses | UW-Stout discusses impact of financial cuts

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer



At the budget meeting on March 31, Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen addressed the issue of various budget cuts in the UW System. With three significant cuts to the university's budget, students will be looking at larger class sizes, a tuition increase and significant budget cuts in each department's spending.

Overall, the net effect for the UW System is $174 million. Roughly, the UW-Stout is looking at a $4.4 million deduction.

All areas of the university are going to see an impact in its departments. Staff and administrators are going to have to make difficult decisions on where the money is safely cut from while still trying to provide a full education to students.

Although the university is expanding its buildings, it seems like we don't have the funds to hire more staff to fill those classrooms. A study recently released by the American Association of University Professors found that salaries of Wisconsin's public and private university professors, such as the professors at UW-Stout, are making less money than the national average. Filling vacant teaching positions takes time and will take even longer to fill due to salary discrepancies and the university's mandatory qualifications. Compared to other UW System schools, UW-Stout has seemingly managed enrollment growth and wisely continued to fill critical positions without cutting back on any staff. With expected tuition increases of at least five percent, larger class sizes will only add to the already difficult time students and teachers face in currently oversized classes.

> "[Despite cuts, UW-Stout will continue to] fund activities that are central to the mission, add value, or are required."
>
> -Charles W. Sorenson, Chancellor of UW-Stout

One of the greatest cuts is the auxiliary. This accounts for study abroad funding, housing, dining and special course fees. Not only are there large cut in auxiliary, but the cuts in the minority and disadvantaged program total $4,584. Coming from a university with one of the best vocational rehabilitation programs in the nation, this cut seems unreasonable. City council members in Eau Claire found differences in debate when Councilman Thomas Kemp proposed the idea for a fiscal policy advisory committee. This would control tighter spending. Councilman Kemp said, "Hopefully this will allow us to avoid some of the unintended consequences we had with our last budget." Kemp was referring to the denied proposal of roughly $400,000 on wheel tax of automobiles; this, in turn will ultimately result in less funding for plowing.

One of the attendees at the budget meeting raised an excellent point that the money being taken out to construct new things should be put aside for emergency use. "What if we have a storm that takes off the roof of the library?" he asked.

If the budget doesn't affect us in ways that are damaging to our education, UW-Stout has done its job by holding true to one of the most important principles: "Fund activities that are central to the mission, add value or are required," (stated by the chancellor during the budget meeting in his PowerPoint presentation). All departments have a short time to review their budgeting and find ways to cope with the economy and large budget cuts happening all over the UW System schools.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

The "Twitter-ing" teacher

Danielle Olson
News Editor

Students in Daisy Pignetti's English 101 class turn in tweets instead of papers.

Pignetti uses Twitter to connect writing and technology, something important on a polytechnic campus. She requires students to subscribe to Twitter and post 100 tweets, 140 character messages, during the semester. The final essay exam consists of a short autobiography using all of their Twitter posts.

"I want each student to realize that his or her life on the screen is not necessarily an alternative life but a space for growth," said Pignetti. "The more students write, the more they will grow as writers."

Pignetti recently presented "What are you doing? Teaching with Twitter?" at the National Conference on College Composition and Communication held in San Francisco.

Students have mixed feelings about using Twitter in their class. "If we didn't have Twitter there wouldn't be any form of connection at all. Other online classes offer the basic discussion boards; however, they aren't utilized in such a way that you actually get to know each other," said one student.

"It was a good way to express what I was thinking at the time. The fact that I had to keep it short was good and bad. Sometimes I couldn't fit that last word in," remarked another student.

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What is twitter?

14 million users

Twitter is a social networking Web site that connects friends, family and coworkers through small, 140 character computer or SMS sent messages called "tweets."

It's used by everyone from professors to Microsoft marketers, to the Starbucks CEO to tourists in Paris.



Operation Adaption

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

The weather is finally warming up and the outdoor concert season is just around the corner. The upcoming Operation Adaptation, "a concert for a healthy planet," is taking place on April 24 and 25 in Sullivan, Wis. at the Concord House.

The music festival will feature performances from jam bands such as Fat Maw Rooney and Chinese Fingertrap, among others. However, aside from good music, food and camping, Operation Adaptation's purpose is to promote global awareness and sustainable living.

Members of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the Dunn County community will form the festival's Green Team to represent the "green" side of Operation Adaptation.

Green Team members include past and present UW-Stout students with varying skills, talents and knowledge concerning all things green.

Matthew Houdek, a UW-Stout graduate and the organizer of the Green Team, said the mission of the team is to prepare and deliver demonstrations and workshops at Operation Adaptation that focus on sustainable issues.

Some of the topics the Green Team has developed presentations for include sustainable camping, living green in college, composting and local foods.

Ashley Rueben, a senior in the technical communication program, will present information on rain gardens at the festival.

Reuben said that rain gardens are "one of the simplest things we can do that can benefit us." Reuben plans to hand out information describing how rain gardens work and their importance at the festival.

She hopes talking to the audience at the festival will show how "our water quality is diminishing rapidly and this could save it. It is cheaper than putting up gutters and installing sewage drains."

Aside from the information presented by the Green Team, the festival will also feature a human-powered bike station that will power the stage and lights, as well as a solar-powered acoustic stage, compostable plates, bowls and utensils and a food drive to benefit the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased at The Waterfront Bar and Grill, located at 512 Crescent St. in Menomonie, for $30. Tickets can also be purchased for $50 at the event's entrance the day of the festival. For more information about the festival, check out: http://www.fatmawrooney.com/Adaptation/adaptation.htm.

FINANCIAL AID office goes GREEN

The Financial Aid Office is going green. Award letters for the upcoming year 2009-2010 will be delivered to students electronically via Access Stout. This is a change from previous years where a two-page award letter and informational brochure was sent to all students who pursued federal funding via the FAFSA. "Our hope is to join the rest of the UW-Stout community in a consorted effort to reduce our carbon footprint, and in the same respect increase the speed and quality of service to our students," said Barbara Cloutier, a financial aid counselor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The "Information Guide," which in the past had also been mass produced and sent in the award letter mailing, will also now be available in electronic form. Students will be allowed to log in and review the information in their Access Stout accounts. This Guide has valuable information regarding Cost of Attendance and Financial Aid awarding, descriptions of the different aid programs, information and links for alternative and other federal loan options, etc.





Students will be e-mailed notification of their award letter via their UW-Stout e-mail. This information will include a link to Access Stout and their information. The updated Access Stout will enable a student to accept, reduce or reject the loans they may have been awarded. Federal and State grants are considered "gift aid" and will be considered accepted on behalf of those students determined "eligible". This process will be a much smoother and timely process for aid processing, and takes the burden of ensuring a signed form is returned to the Financial Aid Office. The student will achieve this step in a matter of moments using Access Stout.

"It's going to be vital to maximize this new process, that students continuously monitor and clean their Stout e-mail inbox," said Cloutier. "We also encourage them to make a habit of checking Access Stout for their award letter information and updates. It will be important that's students are vigilant for the most efficient delivery of their funding," Cloutier added that the Financial Aid Office has some more changes coming. "We are currently working to revamp our Web site."

"Our ultimate goal would be to provide a regular scrolling information bar sharing current information, pertinent dates and approaching deadlines with relevant information for students," Cloutier added. "Stay tuned!"

Dump your junk

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

As the semester is finally winding down, what are you going to do with that old desk you never used? Leaving it in your apartment only to face expensive charges later, instead of dumping it on the side of the road or you can donate it to a good cause!

The Spring Move Out is an event that allows students to donate their old furniture, appliances and clothes to a good cause. The event is sponsored by the Stout Student Association, Stout Inter-Residence Hall Association and the City of Menomonie, just to name a few. All of the items collected will be given to the Hope Gospel Mission, a non-profit organization. Non-perishable food items will be donated to the Dunn County Food Pantry.

To donate your stuff, drop off items on Friday, May 8, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in parking lot 29, across from the Applied Arts building.

Volunteers are also needed for this event. For more information or to volunteer, contact Krista James at jamesk@uwstout.edu.



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Flawed system | Stout students not satisfied with parking conditions

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

It's been a topic of frustration for years, but with the new developments on the forefront such as the edition onto Jarvis, the complete demolishment of JTC (Jeter - Tainter - Callahan) and construction on the Memorial Student Center; parking will be losing roughly 170 available spaces. From construction on Jarvis alone, the campus lost 60 easily accessible parking spots. Another project currently in the works is the construction of the Merle Price Commons and future plans for the remodeling of North Campus Dining facilities. More future projects UW-Stout is looking to begin in the near future is a Welcome Center in Bowman Hall, the complete remodeling of the Harvey Hall Theater and replacement of the Heating Plant's electrical substation. In response to the number of parking spaces to be lost in the next year or so, Kayla Berger, a freshmen commuter and graphic design major said, "If they lose anymore spots by Harvey, there will not be any all."









When you break down the importance of parking and who has first pick, the system may seem unfair. Although 56 percent of our university is residence hall students, commuters seems to be the main area of focus for the parking department, although they only consist of 33 percent of our university. Although these prices no longer concern the graduating seniors, it will eventually create an even larger impact on future students' parking situations.

The parking department claims it's an advantage to the commuters simply because they can meet more commuter demands with fewer available spaces, and this lowers the cost of parking permits in general. But the students aren't so sure.

When a student receives a parking ticket the price seems completely unreasonable. The thought on every students mind is "Where is my money going?"

Keith McCarten explained that the money goes to the enforcement and building of parking lots. So, in other words, it's a continual flow of money but there is never any profit made. This may upset some students but we really must be counting our blessings considering that UW-Madison has plans to increase their meter rate from 50 cents to 75 cents per hour and from $1.50 to $1.75 per hour, depending on the parking zone as of June 1.

Since Stout bought the gravel parking lot 22 located on North Campus from David Howe after renting it for years, they are preparing to spend $1 million dollars on paving it, lighting it and adding a cross walk. With the suggestion of creating a safer path to walk up the hill, the parking managers agreed. They are fully aware that there are many constructional repairs to be made and many reports to the police of damage to cars and theft. Maybe the "rape lot" will feel like a safer place on campus.

Straying away from the parking topic brings talk of student transportation, which has no association with the Parking Department. For years it has been a topic of conversation and brought up at many different meetings and discussions. The students' demand for transportation from North Campus to South Campus could not only display a sustainable green way of reducing constant traffic on Broadway Street, with but also improve attendance from North Campus students. Amanda McGeary, a senior human development and family studies major added, "If they cut all this parking space, they need to control the flow of parking onto campus. The construction crew is using our parking spots, and that eliminates a lot of spaces."

In other UW System schools, such as UW-Madison, they have made a proposal to increase the number of hybrid buses in Madison. The Obama economic stimulus has brought forth the idea of funding to get 18 more buses. This will all happen if approved by the Transit and Parking Commission. With the plans to expand our college, it is critical that we begin planning a greener way of transportation for future larger populations of students.

The first problem UW-Stout needs to address is that UW-Stout does not have a department for student transportation. A concern of the Parking Department managers Lisa Walter and Keith McCarten is that Stout does not have the funds or the donated resources to even begin a transportation system for students from North to South Campus. I believe that with UW-Stout's efforts to be a green campus and the many local businesses promoting a better environment, transportation can be funded if advertised properly.

As a trial run, a bus was sent on a continuous loop to pick up students and bring them onto campus. The bus was rarely used and expectations were dropped. What they under-estimated is that UW-Stout is a "suitcase college," and although the surveys say that over 80 percent of students stay on campus during the weekends, this may be incorrect.

Students and teachers alike struggle to find parking spaces to arrive at their destination in a timely fashion and with little frustration. With a strong voice and continuous support from the local businesses, we can take further action into various commuter options making this university more accessible, as well as a more developed school.

Political **Awareness** Night tackles issues affecting Stout students

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on MSC South Lawn

Political Awareness Night will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on UW-Stout Memorial Student Center's South Lawn. Sponsored by the College Republicans, Inter-Residence Hall Association and the Student Senate Association, key issues directly affecting UW-Stout students will be discussed by featured speakers Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls), Menomonie Mayor Dennis Kropp and Superior Mayor Dave Ross. Student l eaders from IRHA and SSA will also address issues that deal directly with the UW-Stout campus. A question period will follow each speaker. This is a bipartisan event and everyone is welcome. Free pizza and pop will be served. For more information e-mail crs@uwstout.edu.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Myth: Rapists are typically strangers.
Myth: Rapists are frequently deranged or mentally ill.

Fact: The reality is the vast majority of sexual assaults are perpetrated by individuals known to their victims.

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, and as students we must first recognize the importance of educating others about the risks and how to prevent sexual assault.

Most may not admit the fact, but alcohol is a common drug used in assaults. Alcohol is even more accessible than actual date rape drugs, like GHB and other various dissolvable pills.

The perception of date rape and sexual assault is very unclear here on our very own campus. According to Campus Violence Prevention, 79 percent of male survey respondents on campus agreed that victims should not be blamed for sexual assault, even if under the influence of alcohol/other drugs. Lead by Susan M. Wolfgram, Ph.D., the associate professor of human development & family studies, and Jessica Bryan, the Campus Violence Prevention Program Coordinator, groups of students in the Abuse in the Family course have been putting a fantastic effort into informing the campus about prevention.

"Students want to be involved. They need to be given opportunities to take their knowledge from the classroom and turn it into action. This is action learning," said Wolfgram. "What is most important from my perspective is to collaborate across the community with partners to increase awareness and educate to the power of speaking out loud about sexual assault and enlisting the support of men in leading other men," said Wolfgram.

"I am also a strong supporter of every campus needing a Campus Violence Prevention coordinator, one person who guides a victim through the entire system. Research has supported that it is less likely victims will come forward if they do not have a committed person to guide them through," added Wolfgram.

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> -Susan M. Wolfgram, PhD, the Associate Professor Human Development & Family Studies

Wolfgram is a part of the Social Action Project, and works closely with other students as well as staff to prevent sexual assault on campus.

The following are the groups involved with the Social Action Project, and what they are doing to prevent sexual assault around campus.

Wisdom to Empower works with two resident hall resident advisors and informs them about sexual assault.

Music Healers is presenting about a rape culture, what opportunities men have in preventing sexual assault and the suppression of women within society to students in the Tustison-Oetting dorm rooms and to the staffs in South Hall.

Bridging Troubled Waters is hosting this year's Take Back the Night on April 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and running until approximately 8:30 p.m. at the Wilson Park Band Shell. There will be a performance from Audacious, an all girls a-cappella group from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Take Back the Night will end with a candle lit walk from the Wilson Park Band Shell to the clock tower at Bowman Hall.

Senoritas for Safe Homes is sponsoring The Clothesline Project, a traveling exhibit that aims to raise awareness about violence against women. Shirts are hung side-by-side as if on a clothesline, with statistics on them about sexual assault. The shirts are different colors that represent different types of abuse. They are also a variety of sizes to represent that sexual assault and abuse are not age-specific. The group will be going around the community and putting up the clothes line display. "The project puts a human face on the statistics and breaks the silence about sexual assault," said Courtney Hendrickson, a student putting the project together.

How to Intervene:

+Notice the Incident
+Interpret Incident as Emergency
+Assume Responsibility
+Attempt to Help

Take Back the Night | A history of the annual sexual assault awareness event

Take Back the Night began in 1877 with women's organized protests against violence in London, England with Take Back the Night marches. These women-only protests emerged in direct response to the violence that women encountered as they walked the streets at night. These activities became more coordinated and soon developed into a movement that extended in to the United States. The very first Take Back the Night events in the U.S. were held in San Francisco and New York City. Throughout decades, thousands of marches and rallies bearing the name Take Back the Night has taken place worldwide. Over time, sexual assault awareness activities have expanded to include the issue of sexual violence against men and men's participation in ending sexual violence. It has inspired both women and men to confront countless number of fears including rape, sexual violence, domestic violence, violence against children, and violence against women.

Take back the night : April Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 28th
6:30 pm
@ Wilson park band shell on Wilson Ave.
Featuring Music by Audacious
Candle light walk to the clock tower.
(If it rains it will relocate to glass lounge.)

Sponsored by the campus violence prevention program and group Bridging Troubled Waters

U-W Stout's Campus Protection Project
410 Bowman Hall
715-232-2468
www.uwstout.edu/cvpp/

Bridge To Hope
1-800-924-9918
715-235-9074
director@thebridgetohope.com

UW-Stout Campus Police
110 University Services Building
715-232-2222

MSC renovation approved by State Building Commission

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Recently the State of Wisconsin Building Commission approved the $18 million Memorial Student Center renovation project. Since the project has been approved, it will be included in the new budget.

"This is an important first step, as it provides bonding authority for the project," said Vice Chancellor of Administrative and Student Life Services, Diane Moen.

Moen also went on to say that the approval process takes place for any "large building or renovation project. In addition to approving the budget for the project, the State Building Commission will also give the final approval for the design and construction of the project said Moen.

The next step in the long process of renovating the MSC is "developing a proposal to secure an architectural and engineering firm to work with the campus to prepare a design."

The MSC was built in 1985 and has had only minimal updates since then. In October 2008, the Stout Student Association passed a resolution to renovate the MSC and raise segregated fees to pay for the construction.

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"There will be a 20 percent increase in segregated fees each year for the next three years," said Assistant Vice Chancellor Phil Lyons. "Currently the segregated fee is $236.10 and it will rise to $407.88 for the 2011-2012 academic year."

The segregated fee for the MSC is expected to stay the same over the life of the bond. However, other segregated fees could increase the projected fee over time.

The $18 million renovation of the MSC includes an "infrastructure overhaul" remarked Lyons. "Currently there is no fire protection and there is faulty duct work that needs improvement," said Lyons.

Other improvements to the MSC include "new and redefined program space for student organizations, student government, newspaper, service/information, modernized dining, lounge and bookstore areas, replacement of HVAC system and the upgrading of electrical, plumbing, telecommunications systems," said Moen.

Additional changes include adding more natural light to the building, making the stairways easier to find and the elimination of the bowling lanes.

Lyons estimated that MSC renovations would break ground in a year to a year and a half depending on how long it would take to move through the final approval process. If everything goes as planned, renovations would start in the spring of 2010.

As with any construction project, there comes an inconvenience for faculty, staff and students. "It is very likely the facility will be shut down for the renovation project," said Moen. "Doing so means the project can be accomplished quickly and with less cost."

In order to accommodate for the inconvenience, many of the facilities in the MSC will be relocated to the Merle Price Commons, which is in the process of being renovated now.

Associate Director of the MSC, Darrin Witucki, would like to see a 50 percent increase in traffic on a daily basis. He hopes this would lead to approximately 6,000 students traveling through the MSC a day.

"The renovation results will create a critical mass of traffic increase that will in turn feed off of itself," said Witucki. "The student center will re-establish itself as the heart of the campus. The community building that truly builds community."

FLASHbrief Alert Millions ... in seconds.

New campus alert software

Lindsey Johnson
Staff Writer

Although e-mails are communicated to students and staff about student deaths and tragedies on campus, the University has taken an even larger step to keep student aware of their surroundings. For the 2009-2010 academic school year, all new computers will be programmed to have the software called Flashbrief on their laptops. For those students and staff who currently have computers, this can be downloaded onto your computer. The program will automatically alert students on their computers with a red alert pop-up box. These warnings will pop up no matter what program is open and will alert students immediately if there is a crisis on campus.

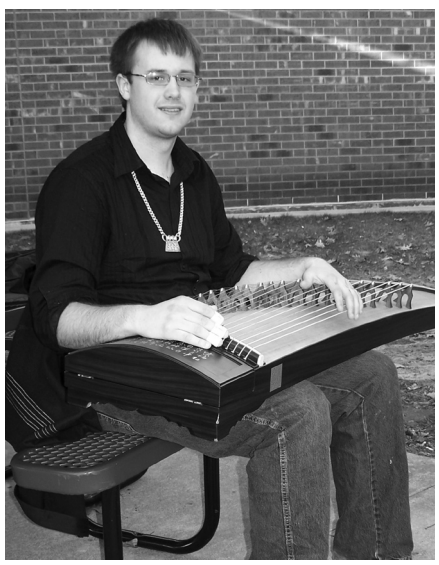
The only drawback to the program is that it is not Apple-compatible yet but sources say it will be soon. You can also get these alerts in text message by filling out your cell phone number during the downloading. An e-mail was sent out to all students and staff from the chancellor about the software and anyone can learn more about the program through the company's Web site www.flashbrief.com.

The initial testing for the new program is set for Monday the 27th of April at 3:00pm. If you have downloaded the software, a red box will appear on your screen much like the box that would pop up in a real emergency. Keep in mind that this only a drill to test the effectiveness of the results.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

Lack of snow keeps kids outside



Lindsey Adams/Stoutonia

Josh Wallin, a UW-Stout student enjoys unseasonably warm weather April 15 while playing his Guzheng, or Chinese Table Harp on campus.

A look into Stout Student Association voting results

Tony Nelson
Editor-In-Chief

Rizzo edges out Broetzmann for SSA President

2009 SSA election results:

President
Phillip Rizzo.....620
Michael Broetzmann.....607
Chrissy Pergande.....279

Director of Legislative Affairs
Jason Abrahamson...726
Dustin Green.....576

Director of Diveristy
Michelle Kilian.....678
Kao Lee Yang.....621

Director of Organizational Affairs
Andy Ring.....642
Ian Itow.....527

A close race for the April 8 Student Senate Association President had the winner a little surprised.

"Oh my gosh, it was so close," said senior Philip Rizzo. "I thought it was going to be a little bit of a bigger spread, but I was really pleased."

Rizzo beat Mikey Broetzmann, another super senior, who only fell short in the tally by 13 votes. Broetzmann has not been on campus this past year because he is part of the National Student Exchange studying in Oregon. In a phone interview, Broetzmann said he had been back over spring break and worked with friends and campus leaders to make sure he was well represented. Although he lost, he said he was not disappointed with the outcome because he knew the office was in good hands with Rizzo.

Rizzo hasn't wasted any time in getting started. He has been busy working toward his three main goals that he wanted to focus on in the upcoming year – professional organization development, a new budget renewal process and the Memorial Student Center renovation to get the key people together for easier communication.

The turnout for the election was impressive also. "There was about a 24 percent turn out. Usually it's about 9 to 11 percent, Rizzo said. "That's all due to the smoking topic."

Smoking ban referendum passed

The referendum for a campus-wide smoking ban was passed by 548 votes. The referendum was part of the April 8 ballot.

"I think the next steps are to inform the students really about what it's about and understand both sides of the story," Rizzo said. After talking to students and some of his friends, Rizzo wasn't convinced that everyone understood what the referendum's question really meant. He has some plans in mind to information booths around campus so students can make an informed decision if the next referendum should come about.

The issue now must go before a committee for evaluation and then have the details of the ban worked out.

System hiccup doesn't disrupt voting outcome

A slight problem with the voting system kept some students out of the April 8 vote. Michael Lubke, outgoing SSA President and election commissioner for the April 8 elections said he had received three e-mails from students that were not able to get log into the system to cast their votes, but worked quickly to resolve the problem.

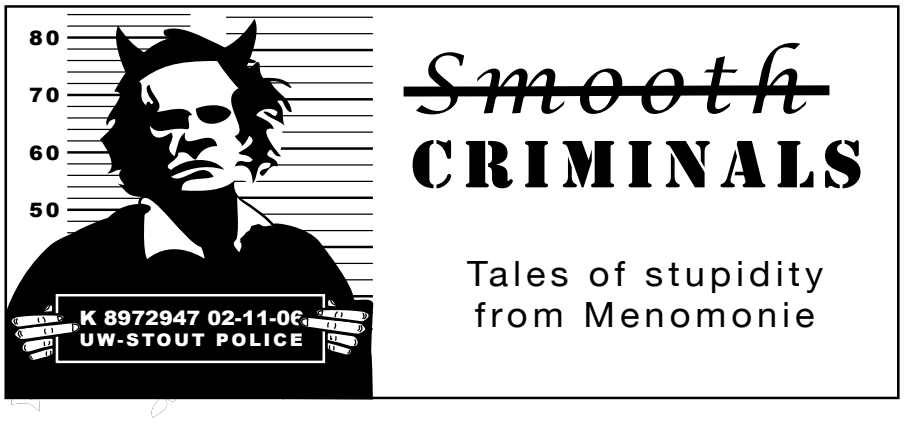
"I made sure that they were able to vote to," Lubke said, "either I talked to them or e-mailed them back and sent them a ballot and added that to the total."

Lubke worked on the problem the following Thursday and Friday and said he was off and on the phone much of the day with Joan Thomas, Dean of Students and Enterprise Information Systems's Dan Krueger, the STAR Development Center Manager, trying to figure out the problems.

"It could have been a lot bigger issue than it was, but it turned out to be just OK," Lubke said. He talked to the candidates that lost and they were all OK with the results and satisfied, including Boertzmann. "He only lost by 13 and he's not going to contest the election – he understands what happened."

Safeguards are being put in place to handle this type of problem should it arise again. With the senator elections coming up on April 6, Rizzo said he will be putting into the introduction statement that if you are unable to vote, we will have paper ballots in the SSA office to make sure everyone has an opportunity to vote.

"I don't think it is going to be a problem in the future," Rizzo said. "We had good communications between Mike, the dean of students and Dan Krueger to identify where the problem was."



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

Citations Issued

Feb. 23 to April 4

UAD 1st - 36
UAD 2nd - 4
UAD 3rd- 1
Possession of Marijuana - 3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 2
Criminal Charge of Theft - 2
Criminal Charge of Disorderly Conduct - 1
Misuse of Parking Services - 1
Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign – 1
Theft (under $100) – 1

Haha. Funny joke? Not.

March 29

Police were dispatched to Red Cedar Hall regarding a 911 hang-up emergency call in the elevator. When the call was made, dispatch said that laughter was heard in the background creating a pretty solid case that it was in fact not an emergency. Let's try to keep the cops happy and productive guys, thanks.

The Ultimate Buzzer

March 29

A group of athletes were shooting hoops in the Sport and Fitness Center when one of the players wanted to make a smooth move that ended up costing them the game. Upon making a shot, the ball missed by a long shot and smashed into the fire alarm. In fact, the basketball hit it so hard that they had to replace the pull station cover. The game was called short due to the loud alarm. Nice try on the dunk, but don't quit your day job, Michael Jordan.

For future reference…

March 31

An officer reported seeing flyers all over the cars around campus for a car show sponsored by the UW-Stout Auto Club. This is illegal under Chapter 18; Solicitation on Campus and results in a $286 fine. At the cost of printing the flyers, this poor guy doesn't need a giant fine.

Runaway Thief

March 31

A UW-Stout student reported that he had lost his credit card in Wisconsin and that unauthorized charges were made. They traced the purchases and found that charges were made at a Wal-Mart in Maryland. Not only did this thief have the courage to use the card, but he escaped as far east as possible. No one gets away with fraud anymore buddy, nice try though.

And explain to me how you got stuck in the janitors closet?...

April 5

Police were dispatched to South Hall because someone had been locked into the janitor's closet. What that person was doing in there is one question but what that person was doing in their alone is a whole different question. Last time I checked, they didn't call it "seven minutes in heaven alone?"

A not-so-smooth criminal

April 6

A male student was said to be lurking around campus in a long trench coat and tilted hat. Not that the stereotype should be addressed, but it just so happens that this male was walking around with his hand in his coat as if he is holding a gun. This was suspicious to more than one student and the police were called. The male was last seen walking into the Vocational Rehabilitation building and has not been seen since.

"If homosexuals can marry, then ... then ... somehow I'm threatened!"

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

I cannot think of one possible reason to ban gay marriage. I have tried many times and nothing comes to me.

But many other people seem to have reasons. I've tried looking at them, too, and none of them make sense to me. I've tried to understand them; it's just that I cannot find even one full-proof reason for banning gay marriage. So why might people support complete equal rights for homosexuals?

Because the Bible says so. It feels like the majority of protestations against gay marriage stem from the Bible. There are so many ways to address this that it's difficult to know where to start. First, we do not make laws based on religion. No faith gets an exception.

I'm sick and tired of people using the Bible whenever they want an excuse to prevent everyone from having access to the same rights. Have people forgotten that the Bible was used as the reason that women could not vote and black people had to stay in the back of the bus and only marry other black people? Because the Bible said so, people reasoned, was evidence enough that slavery and segregation should be allowed to continue. The Bible was even used in order to keep Jews out of swimming pools, for Christ's sake.

I think that people are so eager to use the Bible as justification for present prejudices that they forget to look at how the Bible has been used in past prejudices. No one now would seriously think to argue that boys are literally worth more than girls, even though they could cite Leviticus 27:6 as evidence: "And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver." Passages like this were used to defend sexist practices in the past. How about giving women the right to vote? No, protestors said. God wouldn't like that, He says so right here. What about granting civil rights to black people? No, God would disagree with that, the Bible tells us this. People would say exactly that to try to prevent events we now see as civil rights milestones.

But now it's suddenly in style for the Bible to be used as justification to deny rights to homosexuals. Here's what I say: If you think that the Bible's every word should be taken so literally that you cannot fathom granting equal rights to homosexuals, you'd better start following every other word of the Bible literally now, too. No more letting cattle graze with different breeds of cattle or wearing clothes made of more than one fabric. No more interacting with menstruating women (you don't want to become "unclean," do you?). If someone has cursed God or cheated on their spouse, their punishment needs to be death by stoning. Handicapped people may not approach God. Witches must be executed. You can sell your daughter to pay off your debts (Exodus 21 outlines the laws for ownership and the trading of slaves), since, after all, women are second-class citizens you can sell and pawn off to other men, just like you would your livestock.

So, here's my point: If we've decided that the Bible's stances on women and slavery are wrong and outdated, why do we insist that it's somehow applicable to homosexuals? Stop cherry-picking the Bible, people.

But the most obvious reason that the Bible is no excuse for excluding gays: We don't make laws with the Bible in mind. We cannot. You're free to base your personal opinions on the Bible, but not the laws of the land.

Plain ol' homophobia. From my personal experience, the people most vehemently opposed to homosexual marriage are the ones who are, in some psychological sense, scared of gay people. It's as if their mental process is, "If gay people can marry, then … then … somehow I'm threatened!" There's just something about homosexuals that make them nervous and uncomfortable.

I would lay it all down 20-to-1 in Vegas on the assumption that these were the same people who, in the 1960s, would cross the street if they saw a black man coming their way. Or who thought that women shouldn't hold positions of authority, because then who's going to make them sandwiches just the way they like them? Homosexuals can be around for entertainment and do their own thing, but there's just something about the existence of this "other life" makes them uncomfortable in ways they don't want to acknowledge (I'd like to point out right now that I thank God every day for Sasha Baron Cohen's existence). By dehumanizing these "other" people, it's easier to deny them basic rights.

Legalizing gay marriage will lead to legal pandemonium. The classic "slippery slope" argument. If you legalize gay marriage, that'll lead to polygamists demanding equal laws, and then you'll have to legalize bestiality and eventually the laws will become so blurred that we'll all be able to marry our dog, underage sister and toaster, all in one ceremony.

First of all, how insulting can you be to compare two adults in a loving relationship to bestiality and pedophilia? I've heard this argument many times and I do not see the connection. We're talking about two people with legal standing wanting to enter a marriage contract. It's not like we haven't modified the social norms of marriage in the past. Wasn't it only forty-some years ago that we started allowing blacks to marry whites?

Being gay isn't "natural." Not found in nature? I beg to differ. Animal homosexuality is rampant. Anyone hear about the two male penguins that refused to take mates and decided to rear a chick themselves? It was made into a children's book. Animals don't have the same concept of rational thought that humans do. Can anyone seriously argue that those penguins "chose" to not be interested in the attractive lady penguins the same way that some people insist that homosexuality is a "choice?" Apparently, it makes sense that homosexuals would choose to become part of such a maligned group (to whom, I don't know).

Those are the four most common reasons I've come upon for rejecting gay marriage and, like I've said God knows how many times already, I don't think any of them work. If there's a real, legitimate reason as to why we should prevent gays from marrying, please, let me know.

Dignity and respect:

Let's stop using the R-word!

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UW-Stout student contributor

The Special Olympics was dedicated March 31 to the much-needed action of spreading th message of ending the use of the "R" word.

The certain injustices the word "retard(ed)" creates are at last being brought to the front lines and being addressed as they should be. The issue of using the "R" word goes beyond being politically correct and assigning a day to end the use of the word.

The goal was not to ban the use of the word, but to create a consensus in society to not use the word based on the desire to be more accepting and respectful towards individuals with disabilities. To me, the real goal is helping people see that persons with disabilities are amazing, talented, beautiful, smart and loving individuals that are worthy people.

In recent news, the lack of respect and acceptance was revealed when President Obama went on the "Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. The president was talking about his bowling skills or lack thereof and said, "It's like Special Olympics or something."

Obama issued an apology and has even invited Special Olympians to the White House for basketball and bowling, and is looking to get advice from them. But when a comment, such as the one by the president, is made, one can see some true colors or feelings that a person may have on a particular issue.

This lack of understanding and respect from our own president makes the severity of the issue that much more clear. It doesn't matter who you are, making a derogatory statement about the Special Olympics and persons with disabilities is not OK or funny. Hopefully, this statement will stem an even bigger passion to help people become more accepting, respectful and understanding of persons with disabilities.

Am I making accusations of society being exclusive and disrespectful? Yes, I am. I am accusing many people of being degrading and disrespectful to some of the world's most amazing people.

How can I make these accusations? Simply by walking anywhere and everywhere and hearing peers, teachers and children talk. I hear people use the "R" word like it means nothing.

I don't hear people standing up against the word very often or even recognizing the hurtful nature of what has just been said. I see people ridicule, point and laugh at people who may be a little different than them. It hurts me to see these amazing, loving people who would never judge or laugh at another person get hurt by the people around them who use stereotypes and labels of their disabilities.

People who have disabilities are more like the general population than they are different. They are passionate, loving, hard-working, goal-oriented and charismatic. I wish that people could recognize their fellow human beings for how wonderful they are and all their amazing accomplishments, rather than ridicule them for how they may be a little different.

Please, consider taking part in this great effort to end the use of the "R" word.

Whatever happened to shutting up and enjoying a concert?

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A commonality shared amongst almost all people with functioning eardrums and related biological accessories is the love of music. Can anyone argue that? I don't think so. You ask any person to name something they are interested in and you will almost undoubtedly hear "music" as a response. The probability of hearing that response from a person at a musical function only increases; so much so that I would suspect it skirts the level of absolute certainty. What a wonderful collection then, at these musical functions, of music-loving people who have come together at the hands of a shared appreciation of an artist or their art in order to soak in the sweet sounds on offer! Surely at such an event intended to share said sweet sounds, these persons would show respect for the musicians generous enough to provide them. Not so, apparently.

I've found that within each crowd of tactful and considerate concert goers lies a counter-assemblage of obnoxiously chatty folks; I am not a fan of their antics. What part about going to a show indicates to these individuals that they should be so disruptively loud that they divert attention away from the performer and toward themselves? I would argue that no such part exists and that these people should zip their lips while the performance in question is in progress.

Not to say that all talking of any sort should be strictly outlawed. There are certainly allowable situation appropriate conversations such as, "This sounds really good! They remind me of Jackyl!" "Isn't that your favorite hair metal/glam rock band?" "Yes!" "Did you say, 'Nice'?!" "I said YES!" or universally appropriate conversations like, "Oh my gosh, I'm about to state a potential emergency: I think I left the oven on from earlier today when I was making a quiche!" "Holy crap! You can make quiche?!" But having a ninety decibel, 10-minute-long conversation with your three best friends about how your sticky-fingered roommate totally borrowed your toothpaste without asking again is not situation-appropriate, universally appropriate, necessary in any way or interesting to anyone.

Aside from their irrelevance to everyday life, these conversations are definitely irrelevant to the show being watched and aggravating to the people around them. These individuals who feel the need to discuss anything and everything very loudly, sometimes even with accompanying dramatic gesticulation which only adds more to the irk factor, are making a statement about their attitude toward everyone else at an event. They are essentially saying that they couldn't care less about other peoples' experiences and therefore don't know or don't care that they are being rude. And it doesn't end there.

The lack of consideration on the part of these chatty folks reaches further than audience members. These persons are also displaying a huge lack of consideration and respect for whoever is performing. To carry on a conversation in these situations, one has to be very loud in order to compete with the music that is supposed to be there as well as other unnecessary conversations that are not. This indicates to the performer that you think you have better things to do than listen to them. How incredibly rude to insinuate to a musician that you are bored by their sharing of the fruits of their artistic labor! If these people think they have better things to do than be at a show, then they should leave that show and do those things. It may be more a shock to those individuals but, there are plenty of people in the audience who want to be there and want to listen to that performer. I do not distinguish between headlining and opening acts because the same consideration should be paid to both. Most of the chatty groups being discussed emerge during the performance of opening acts, which maybe the chatty group didn't come to see. But does that really matter? So what if a person or group came to a show to see a headliner and didn't sign up for the opening act? Those people should put on their mindful, courteous, adult costumes and act that way for the tiny fragment of time, relative to their entire lives, that they are subjected to music they aren't crazy about. I think that sounds fair.

So the next time you find yourself in a concert-type setting amongst people giving inconsequential and poorly timed dissertations atop their imaginary soap boxes, band together with me. We can think really hard about the "there's a time and a place for everything" conversation we would like to have with them and perhaps our collective wills will form a force strong enough to either force their mouths shut or propel them out of the venue. That, or perhaps these individuals could open their eyes, realize that they are being inconsiderate and take action on their own to be a more becoming audience member.

How can I walk to class without being attacked by gnats?

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Imagine walking to your class and seeing a swarm of bugs flying in front of your face. Now imagine looking at other students swatting with their hands in huge waving motions. Don't think that they are waving at you, because they, like you, are trying to get rid of the nasty bugs that seem to be flying around the University of Wisconsin-Stout. I have experienced these gnats numerous times and I am sure I have inhaled at least twenty of them. At one point, I had to put my hood up over my head and sprint down the Harvey Hall path because the swarm of bugs was so overwhelming. I am not sure where these bugs are coming from because I don't recall seeing them last year. The two places where I have been attacked the most are on the Harvey Hall hill and directly in front of the Merle Price Commons. The question that many of you may have is how to avoid the little creatures. I have a few suggestions on how to escape from the black cloud of bugs.

First, if you see a cloud of darkness, try to avoid the path at all costs. If you can take an alternative route, I would highly suggest doing that. However, I understand that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line and that sometimes you need to walk straight, even if bugs will attack you. If you happen to walk through the dark swarm of flying creatures, make sure that you hold your breath! I would say that holding your breath is the most important way to make sure that you do not inhale the gnats. If you are having a conversation with a friend on your way to class, make sure you end it before you make it to the bugs. Another suggestion I have is to use your hands to swat the bugs away because for a moment it will clear them and you will be able to see where you are going. Finally, my personal favorite escape is the "duck and sprint." This is what I do and it seems to work effectively. All you need to do is duck your head and sprint as fast as you can (while holding your breath). If you have a sweatshirt with a hood, you can also put your hood up so that you don't get bugs in your hair. While some people may give you strange stares, at least you know that you have successfully escaped the black cloud of darkness.



Obama's Tour de Europe

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President Barack Obama is well-known for placing his administration's blunders on the shoulder of former president George W. Bush. Now, while in Europe, Obama continues to belittle Bush as he strolls around with his socialist counterparts. Europe has greeted Obama with open arms while he persists on reminding Europe that he is not George W. Bush every chance he gets. But George W. Bush is not the whole focus of Obama's overseas excursion. Barack Obama has been trying to please the Europeans by degrading the United States along with the former president. While speaking at the G-20 summit in London, Obama said, "There have been times where America's shown arrogance, been dismissive, even derisive," and later on revealed that Europe has had its faults, too. Obama's speech made him out to be a mediator between the United States and Europe rather than our president.

Currently, the G-20 is supposed to help further our economic growth by having the leaders of 19 countries discuss key issues of the global economy. However, President Obama has acquired nothing that will be beneficial for the United States throughout his trip to Europe. The first important point that Obama outlined in his speech was that all G-20 members are "committed to growth and job creation" which isn't saying much since that is the whole point of the G-20. He then went on to say, "All G-20 nations have acted to stimulate demand which will total well over $2 trillion." The ironic thing about this statement is that Obama has spent close to $1 trillion by himself while the rest of the G-20 has only spent over $1 trillion combined. President Obama failed to tell us that when he requested European countries to increase their stimulus packages, he was denied.

While Obama calls the United States "arrogant," he seems to forget that he represents America. The image he displays in Europe will determine how the rest of the countries around the world perceive the United States. But that doesn't prevent him from spitting out the same old rhetoric that has lulled so many Americans into falling head over heels for him. Instead of taking on the duties of the presidency, Obama is quick to point the finger at everybody but himself. He is the leader of the United States and it is about time he started acting like it.

The time for blaming Bush should be over. His concentration should be focused on the change he promised the American people. So far he has given America the same politics that are now expected from Washington. He has brought big government spending and higher taxation on the so-called rich, which have both been a part of the liberal agenda for years. Worst of all, Obama mirrored Bush's socialist bailout plan. Currently, forty-four percent of the jobs are in the public sector which is a seven percent increase since Bush left the White House. Then, if you tack on the nationalized health care he has been so desperately seeking, we're talking about transforming into a socialist country overnight. Obama's campaign ran on change, but if the people knew the change would be following Bush's socialist movement, fewer people would have turned out for him on Nov 4.

President Barack Obama is an intelligent man who is very charismatic. He has the opportunity to really provide the hope and change that is desperately needed in this country. But the way he has been going about changing America has been to blame former president Bush, push through liberal spending and insult the United States along the way. We're all hoping for positive results in the future because the stakes are too high for the president's plans to fail. However, if his plan is to create a socialist nation out of the United States, it is best that his plan does not succeed.

Letters to the editor

Brian Legg

In response to Catholic Times ban on gay marriage

I think the statement "the Catholic Church is unwavering" is a bit misleading. They have changed their stance on issues when the conditions seemed right to do so. A recent example is the document, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptised," which, as the title indicates, changed their position on what happens to babies that die before being born. Previously they theorized that said baby would end up in limbo, a sort of purgatory if you will, but that's just a tragic thought so they changed it.

The notion that this country was founded upon Christian values and should therefore be a Christian nation runs directly counter to the separation of church and state. This country may have been founded by people who believed in a certain god, but they also recognized the danger of allowing a specific religion to carry precedence over another or even none at all.

I would love it if more Christians would get as up in arms about abstaining from violence, loving the least among us, or any other of Jesus' teachings as they do about the hot button, sound bite worthy, "get the conservatives riled up" issues.

I personally believe it is only a matter of time before the same sex marriage stance is overturned as well. That's just me.

Tony West

In response to The good, the bad, and the ugly - abstinence-only vs safe sex education

I think the author of this article is either not aware of what abstinence education programs actually teach or is setting up a caricature or straw man argument. I have been an abstinence educator for several years. It is a shame that it is labeled as abstinence-only as if to imply that it is a narrow minded and basically a "say no to sex" approach. In fact, most abstinence education programs are holistic. They cover significant issues for teens such as setting goals, healthy relationships, decision making, character development, consequences of sexual activity, contraception, and how to handle external and internal pressures. They do not presuppose or prescribe that every student wait until marriage--they give it as an option. They empower students to weigh the pros and cons of sexual activity in light of the whole person (emotional, physical, mental and social consequences). For students who wish to abstain through High school--or at least avoid the pitfalls of sexual activity and the drama, abstinence education empowers them to make that choice. For those who wish to be sexually active, abstinence education provides them with the risks. Many abstinence plus programs share necessary information about contraception and condoms. It really should be a both/and not an either/or. The reality is that for every 12 dollars that is spent on for Planned Parenthood and "comprehensive" sex ed in America, only one dollar is spent for Abstinence education. Most comprehensive sex ed does not really give the students the option or really empower them to abstain. We need both---over 50% of students are having sex by the time they graduate---but many are not. We need to empower students holistically. Abstinence education combined with comprehensive sex edu can do that. One without the other is very dangerous for the future of our society.

One more thing, true abstinence education is not morally based or faith based. Please stop perpetuating this caricature of abstinence. It is not a religious issue---yes there are some who over step their boundaries and sometimes make it that--but I have been speaking to students about 3 issues--it is about their health (holistically), their relationships, and their goals. True abstinence education deals with those. It is not shame based or fear based---it is hope based. Empowering students for a healthy future to achieve their goals. Finally, abstinence education is not biased toward homosexual orientation. No matter what your sexual orientation we all desire to be healthy. The healthiest choice is monogamy (to avoid the spread of Stds). Abstinence education empowers students to save and value sexual activity until they are in a committed, long-term monogamous relationship. In some states that may be civil unions and in others marriage. If the marriage word is really that offensive--then take it out---what most of us could agree on is that sex is powerful and when teenagers become sexually active at an early age they are likely to have more partners. The more partners, the more likelihodd of spreading diseases and not being able to effectively form healthy intimacy attachments that are based on commitment. Abstinence education helps adolescent students, whose brains and bodies are still forming, to avoid the powerful nature of sex and its lasting consequences during this developmental stage.

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4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$600	$150	n/a	n/a	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	1	1809 6th Street E	$700	$175	n/a	n/a	Nice, all new flooring, fresh paint, washer/dryer, parking	H
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5	2	2006 5th Street #A	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	512 19th Avenue W	$750	$150	$950	$190	Large split-level, 2 living rooms, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
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6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,000	$167	$1,200	$200	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
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On Saturday, April 25, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Raw Deal of Menomonie will host the "Women Rise Up" event to bring awareness to the campus and community about the difficulties young women face through abuse, violence and forms of discrimination. Elizabeth Christianson of UW-Stout and The Raw Deal is co-coordinating this event and hopes the community will take advantage of the opportunity to raise awareness and take action to diminish crimes and discrimination against women. Featuring speakers, live music, a silent auction and educational exhibits, this is an event that is encouraging growth and change through awareness and education. Christianson gave the following details about this event:

Is "Women Rise Up" an annual event?

This specific event is not an annual event, however, it is a branch out from an annual female singer/songwriter showcase I've coordinated since 2006. It's a collaboration of my co-coordinator's idea of holding a rally to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and general issues that surround women today.

How did this event begin?

We were motivated to do this event when learning about the loss of the Campus Violence Prevention Program. Initially we wanted to raise funds for this cause, but found that it would be impossible to collect enough money by May 2009 to save the program. We are motivated to raise money for a similar deserving organization, Bridge to Hope, that supports victims (whether they are students or members of the community) and help them through the process following an assault. If we can get enough community members to surpass the room capacity at the Raw Deal, it shows how important campus violence prevention programs are to University Campuses and shelters are to the community. In addition, we wanted to collect food for Interfaith Food Pantry, which feeds homeless families in the Dunn County Area. According to Interfaith, due to the economy, they are serving at record high numbers.

How did The Raw Deal become a part of this event?

The Raw Deal is an amazing venue that supports our cause and has a beautiful space. They are very excited to support our event.

Do you personally have a role in supporting this event and helping it to take place?

Georgia Rasmussen and myself are the coordinators of this event. I personally know women who have experienced abuse, discrimination and violence. Instead of speaking behind closed doors about the issues, we're going to bring it to the community to raise awareness and take action against the issues.

Why do you feel this event is important?

Perhaps the best way to approach the importance of the event is to ask if a woman understands her history as a woman. To understand how far the woman has come from being the property of her father or husband to having the freedom to be who she is capable of being. With that, women are still fighting for equal pay, women are still fighting against rape and violence, and women are still fighting against discrimination along with other issues.

How often does one see an event to support women for their accomplishments that is open to the public? This event is an opportunity for the audience to take in reality and learn from it.

I believe this event is important because it will celebrate women and show all people (regardless of gender) how we can unite and support each other positively.

What do you hope students and the community will gain from supporting this event?

Mainly, to understand how important it is to come together to make change and make it known publicly. We hope the community and students will be able to do their part in fighting against the stereotypes by learning to speak out against the negative and "accentuate the positive."

What types of information will the speakers offer?

The speakers will offer reality through survivor story, discuss women in politics, women in music, the functions of Bridge to Hope and the Women and Gender Studies Program at Stout.

Event details:

A suggested admission fee of $5 to support Bridge to Hope and/or non-parishable food donations to be sent to Interfaith Food Pantry is requested.

"Women Rise Up" will feature:

- Live local music
- Informational exhibits
- Speakers about women's rights





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Making a difference | UW-Stout students unite to benefit a family in the community



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Losing their home in a fire, the Allen family, Sheri, left, Christopher, Machalia and Colin, will be the recipients from a benefit hosted by two Stout Student Organizations. The benefit will be held on April 25 at the Log Jam in Menomonie.

Emily Janssen
Staff Writer

The news Colin Allen heard on his radio was the last thing he and his wife Sheri expected during their night away from home: their house was on fire.

On hearing the news, Allen, a firefighter, headed straight home. By the time they arrived home, all their possessions, everything they worked for, was engulfed in flames. In the midst of such heartbreak, they were thankful that their two children were unharmed in the event.

What was already a tragedy was only intensified by the realization that the Allens' homeowner's insurance had run out a week and a half ago, leaving this family without a home and only complicating their hopes to rebuild their life.

In light of this family's heartbreaking story, the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) vowed to focus on impacting their community this semester. Word of mouth briefed this society of the unfortunate tragedy that ensued upon the Allen family in the neighboring town of Ridgeland, Wis.

NSLS is teaming with the American Marketing Association (AMA) on campus, Log Jam restaurant and bar, as well as the raved about local Menomonie band, The Aristocrats, to put on a benefit.

Log Jam will be kicking off the event on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. with raffle drawings and various bar games including Bar Bingo, Pin the Beer on the Belly and a bean bag toss. At 9:00 the Aristocrats will begin playing and a cover of $5.00 will be charged at the door of which all proceeds will go to support the Allen family. Prizes for the raffle will be given throughout the night.

Though the Allen family has some long months ahead of them, with support from the UW-Stout community, their chance to rebuild and recover is brought one step closer.

Urinetown, a witty musical that will make you pee your pants

Jadyn Beyer
Staff Writer

If your tickets say "Urinetown," then the show you should be attending is "Urinetown--the musical!" Even though the first show was last night, you can still see the show Thursday, April 16, Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harvey Hall Theatre. Tickets are $12 at the Memorial Student Center Service Desk, and the box office opens one hour before each performance.

"Urinetown" is set in a Gotham-like city, sometime after the "Stink Years." A 20-year drought has eliminated the possibility of private toilets, and the citizens of Urinetown are oppressed by the money-hungry corporation Urine Good Company, which is just one example of an interesting play-on-words in this musical. In Urinetown, the poor residents have to pay to use the toilets. Those who are hesitant should not be scared off by the title because this is a family-friendly show, perfect for YOUR whole family on Family Weekend!

According to Director and Choreographer Paul Calenberg, the most exciting part of "Urinetown" is the premise of the show. The approach the authors take to the material and subject matter is definitely humorous.

"It doesn't take itself seriously as a musical," Calenberg said. "It pokes loving fun at the musical genre and there is a running satirical commentary on the musical. It is irreverent and fun, which sets it apart from other musicals."

If you want to watch a musical that is somewhat dry and slow, do not go to "Urinetown!" The songs in the show are just as interesting as the crazy content, which will turn even the largest hater of musicals into a fan.

"The weird, zany world the authors create around this plot is exciting," said Calenberg.

Some characters that the audience may particularly like are Officer Lockstock, played by Erin Halvorson, and Little Sally, played by Alix Lahren, because they are vehicles into the zany world. Officer Lockstock acts as the narrator and Little Sally asks the hilarious questions everyone in the audience wants to ask. The audience may also be amused by the strange chemistry between these two characters.

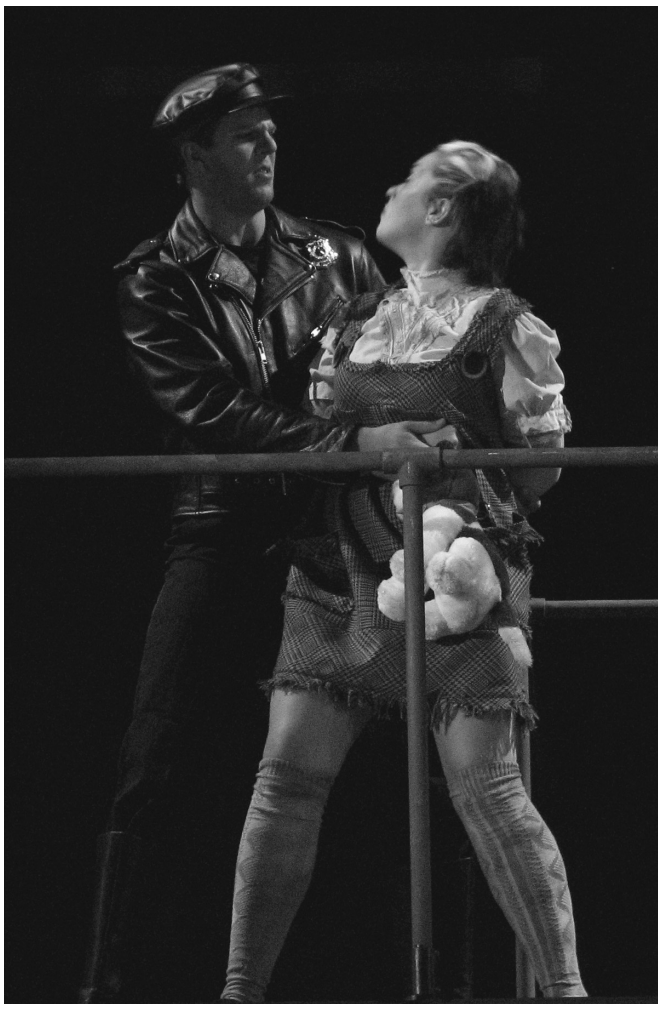
Even though these characters are interesting, all of the cast members contribute to the hilarity that is "Urinetown" with strange quirks and witty jests.

"Mine's a sleaze," said Matt Wakeling of his character, Caldwell B. Cladwell. "He's a schemer, just always scheming. He's one step ahead of everyone else. I feel like I'm the puppet master and the others are my puppets."

Laura Drew, who plays Penelope Pennywise, also enjoys her character's eccentricities.

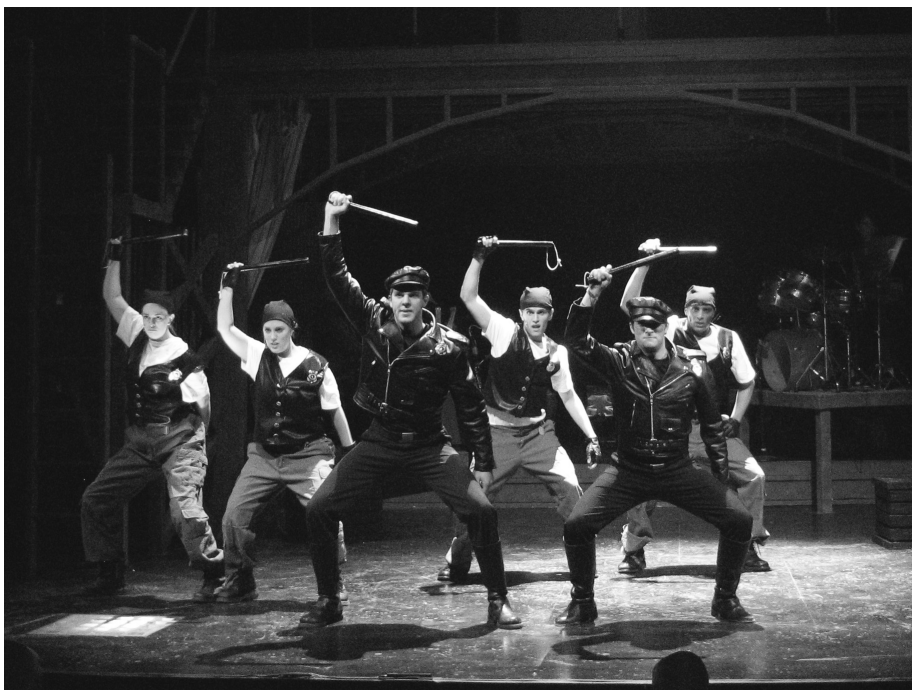
"The most interesting quirk about my character is that she's unpredictable," said Drew. She's different from the beginning of the musical to the end. She's a brazen, brash individual. She's a fun character to play."

Drew loves "Urinetown" because "there is always something new going on and there is always something new to laugh at." She also loves the music and thinks that the pit and cast are very talented. Both Wakeling and Drew agreed that the show is a very funny, tongue-in-cheek production that keeps the audience's attention.



Scott Chapman/Contributed Photo

Erin Halvorson, "Officer Lockstock," and Alix Lahren "Little Sally," rehearse for the upcoming production of "Urinetown."



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A group of actors practice "Cop Song" onstage during dress rehearsal for the upcoming performances of "Urinetown."

It will be hard for you to find a boring moment in which to go to the bathroom while watching this show, even though you will probably feel like peeing your pants from all of the laughing you will be doing. You will just have to wait to release the contents of your bladder, which will help you to identify with the characters in the show!

Many people make this show possible, but Calenberg especially wants to credit Musical Director Keith Lorasch, Scenic and Lighting Designer Scott Chapman, and Costume Designer Alissa Ledeboer.

An intermission of 10 minutes will occur during the show, and all audience members should feel free to use the bathrooms then. Otherwise, enjoy this one-of-a-kind, satirical show. You'll be happy you visited "Urinetown!"

At a glance:

What: "Urinetown - The Musical"

When: 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, Friday, April 17, and Saturday April 18

Who: UW-Stout Students and general public

Where: Harvey Hall Theatre

Cost: $12

Fashion Without Fabric



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

Kitty Cotten
Staff Writer

Tired of the jeans, sweatshirt and shoes routine? Come explore the wonders of the Fashion without Fabric fashion show Saturday, April 18, the runway will be filled with innovative creations missing one element: fabric. The annual design show is hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stout's art and design department.

In years past, students created an assortment of pieces ranging from AstroTurf leisure suits, gum gowns and even athletic wear composed of car parts. This year's bunch is sure to be no exception.

This event is part of family weekend festivities. Tickets are needed so reserve your seats early at www.tickets.uwstout.edu. The event starts at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall, located in the upper level of the Memorial Student Center.

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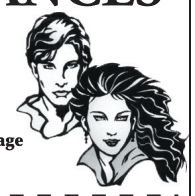
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Celebrate Earth Day on April 22



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Spring has officially reached Wisconsin. From green lawns to chirping birds, the country is coming out from beneath its winter months and is looking to enjoying what "Mother Nature" has to offer. Earth Day on April 22 is a chance for communities and individuals to openly celebrate the environment and consider what can be done to keep the earth healthy. From tree-planting to highway cleanups, each individual has the opportunity to decide how they want to make a difference in the world. No act is too small or difference too minor to benefit the environment. The following tips and facts offer ideas about the use of the earth's resources and how to be a bit kinder to "Mother Earth," but these are only ideas. Look for more innovative and exciting ways to make the world a cleaner and greener place to be.

Four Earth-Friendly Tips

1. Buy Local: Buying locally made food and products is more than just a trend. It is a sustainable way to do business and promote a healthy local economy. According to Tanya Young of the Menomonie Market Food Co-op, the average food item travels 1,500 miles to reach the consumer. This requires significant resources, which can have negative environmental effects. Young said, "If you choose to purchase even just a few local food items: honey, eggs, vegetables and meat at a farmer's market, food co-op, grocery store or directly from the producer, you are contributing positively to sustaining 'Mother Earth.' Invite your friends to do the same."

2. Reduce Packaging Waste: In a society full of grab-n-go foods, consideration of the box, plastic wraps, twist-ties and package adhesives are often thrown in the trash without another thought from the consumer. While these food items are convenient, the excessive packaging causes the landfills to expand. By buying bulk, the consumer saves money by eliminating package costs. Tanya Young says that "buying in bulk will save you 25-75 percent compared to packaged items. Buying in bulk is win-win; you save the earth and your pocketbook."

3. Re-use bags: Many grocers and retail stores are now selling inexpensive and reusable bags to decrease dependency on plastic bags. By purchasing a bag and bringing it to the store to use for purchases, the need for plastic bags is decreased. If you happen to forget your bag at home and must use a plastic bag, look for a plastic bag recycling center at the store to be rid of plastic bags in an earth-friendly way.

4. Support Earth-Friendly Businesses: When you make a purchase or donation of money, you are voting with your dollars. Spend your money toward something you believe in. More and more companies are implementing eco-friendly practices. Look for businesses and products that support a healthy body and healthy earth to ensure that you are truly getting your money's worth.

Did you know?

Surprising Earth facts from:
www.planetpals.com

- Each person throws away approximately four pounds of garbage every day.
- One bus carries as many people as 40 cars.
- Most families throw away about 88 pounds of plastic every year.
- We each use about 12,000 gallons of water every year. 1/3 of all water is used to flush the toilet.
- The 500 million automobiles on earth burn an average of two gallons of fuel a day. Each gallon of fuel releases 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air.
- Approximately five million tons of oil produced in the world each year ends up in the ocean.
- Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees.
- The amount of wood and paper we throw away is enough to heat 50 million homes for 20 years.
- Here is an example of how long it takes some things to break down:
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Saturday, April 18
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10 p.m.

Monday, April 20
Irie Sol "Green Theme Party"
10 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22
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5 p.m.

Pert Near Sandstorm
11 p.m.

Thursday, April 23
Roster McCabe
10 p.m.

Music/Events at the Stones Throw

Friday, April 17
Trampled by Turtles
Doors open at 8:00 p.m., show at 9:30 p.m.
$10 advance, $12 at gate

Saturday, April 18
420 Ounces to Freedom
Doors open at 8 p.m., show at 10 p.m.
$6

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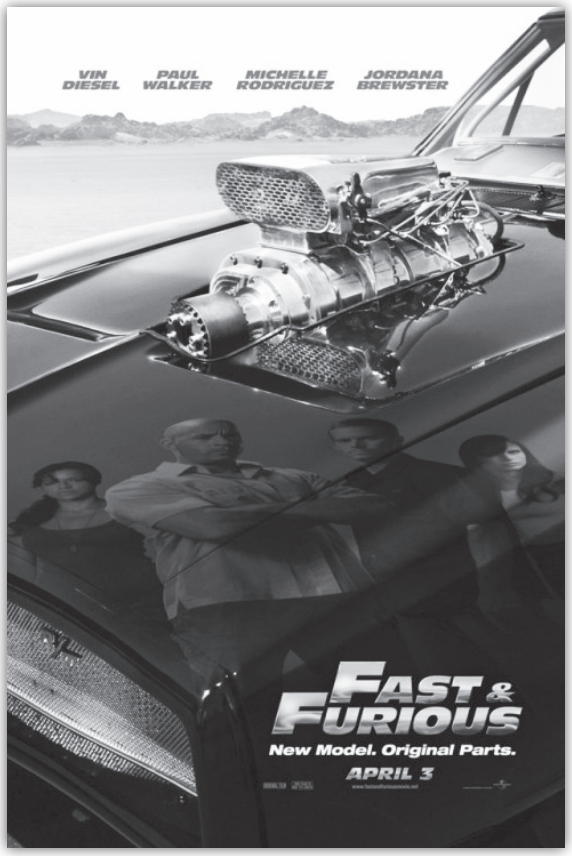
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
How Big Can you Get?
The Music of Cab Calloway

Super Furry Animals
Dark Days/ Light Years

Dubious Ranger
Uneasy Truce at The Watering Hole

Fast and Furious

Not "The Fast and The Furious"



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A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas
Staff Writers

Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) is now in the FBI, working on a case involving drugs and fast cars. He has to go undercover and infiltrate a drug smuggling ring in which cocaine or something is shipped up from Mexico in the trunks of fast cars. Meanwhile, Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) is back in town following the murder of his longtime girlfriend, Letty (Michelle Rodriguez), to find out who was responsible. Four hundred car chases later, O'Conner learns that sometimes personal principles overrule a comfortable, normal life.

A.J.: Finally, Vin Diesel is back following two Diesel-less "Fast and Furious" films, which makes the franchise finally work again. This movie was what the franchise should be: fast, good-looking cars, a morally-conscious criminal and a cop torn between doing the right thing and doing the legal thing. There wasn't a real in-depth storyline, but the actors do a good job showcasing the cars and making everything seem more exciting and less stupid than it probably is.

It still wasn't as good as the first movie, however. There was more emphasis on the characters and less on the cars. There wasn't much talk of ball bearing turbos or hundred shots of NOS or carbon fiber brakes. There was plenty of action though, and though the actors didn't explain how cool their cars were, they drove them plenty. All in all, it was a solid entry in the franchise.
6.9/10

Katie: If this movie hadn't used the original "The Fast and the Furious" cast, it would have only been a small blip on movie-goers radars. I have a feeling that most of the people who saw this movie were satisfying a curiosity of whether or not Walker and Diesel could make the movie as good as the original, rather than wanting to see the movie because they thought it would be entertaining.

The movie focused more on the simple, dramatic plot rather than the cars and action scenes like its predecessors. However, I liked that the audience didn't need to see the previous movies in the series in order to understand what was going on in this one. The plot and characters were explained well, but that's because the plot was straightforward and the characters had little depth.

Overall, "Fast & Furious" was forgettable. While the action scenes were entertaining and done well, I was expecting more. If you are looking for a mindless, two-hour escape from reality, you should go see this movie, but don't expect anything creative or thought-provoking.
5/10

A fact or fiction ghost story?



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Based on a true story, this film is about a family suffering with a teenager (Kyle Gallner) with cancer and running out of money decides to move closer to the hospital because the long car ride is torturous for the kid. They can't really afford another house, but his mom (Virginia Madsen) finds an old spacious house that's surprisingly cheap. She's told it has a creepy history, but feels it's still a good deal.

Soon, the kid with cancer starts seeing dead people, and eventually everyone in the family does as well. They delve into the history of the house and figure out what kind of ghosts are haunting it, and a minister helps them in the ghost removal process.

A.J.: I wasn't sure if this was a movie about a haunting or a young man's miraculous recovery from cancer. Yes, he recovers. So instead of continuing his failing expensive cancer treatments, he just had to be haunted for a few weeks. It sounds like a pretty good deal.

Anyway, it was a fairly decent movie. The makers figured out that making a normal situation scary is more effective than making a weird situation weirder. It makes it re-watchable. The actors did a good job, Gallner's onscreen cousin (Amanda Crew) was hot and Gallner definitely sold the I'm-a-good-kid-and-I-have-cancer-but-I-don't-always-need-to-be-pitied-because-I'm-still-a-person role. The main problem was that the beginning didn't match the end. It made it seem like at the end everyone would die, but that's not the case. Also, it could have been scarier. 6.5/10

Katie: These days, it is hard to find a horror movie that is unique and interesting. "The Haunting in Connecticut" is a slight change of pace in the horror movie genre. Pulling in elements from a tear-jerking drama sets this movie apart from a typical haunted house movie. It was emotional; you actually felt compassion for the family. It was based more on a family that lived in a haunted house, not just a haunted house that terrorized the occupants. The actors did a great job of making the relationships between the characters believable.

Nonetheless, the characters still followed some typical horror movie traits, such as being excessively brave. I understand being curious about the noises that come from the creepy room in the basement, but there is no way that I would investigate those noises by myself in the middle of the night. It also used classic jump-out-of-your-seat tactics to make it seem scarier than it actually was.
7/10

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Spring is in the air and so is baseball

Twins and Brewers fans celebrate their home openers



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Left to right, Tara Peterson, Rachael Lundeen and Sarah Morgan.

In order to attend this game on the UW-Stout trip, students had to purchase their tickets ahead of time. For $10, students would get a general admission ticket along with the transportation there. The bus left from outside the student Memorial Center at UW-Stout at 5 p.m. Forty-six students came on this trip.

Some UW-Stout students that attended were die-hard fans. Three girls even brought along signs saying, "We're from Stout, so point us out," and "We go to school in Brewer land, but we're here cuz we're true Twins fans." Almost all the fans on the bus wore their Twins attire and were decked out, very much ready for this exciting game.

Andy Vogl
Staff Writer

Both Twins and Brewers fans alike enjoyed their teams' first home games of the season last week.

The Brewers faced off against division rivals and 2008 National League Central champs, the Chicago Cubs. With the Brew Crew's new general manager and deep line-up, the team came ready to play.

Brewers' right-handed pitcher Braden Looper took the mound against Chicago's Rich Harden in front of a packed house at Miller Park.

The Crew jumped on top 2-0 early with an RBI single by Ryan Braun in the first inning followed by a solo homer by Corey Hart in the third.

Chicago responded in the fourth when newly acquired Milton Bradley smacked one to deep right field for his first hit in a Cubs jersey to make it 2-1.

In the fifth, Chicago's back-up catcher Koyie Hill gave his team a 3-2 lead with a two-run shot over the wall.

The 3-2 score stuck until the ninth inning after numerous Cubs pitching changes successfully stymied a Brewers comeback. However, the Brew Crew stunned worried fans after relief pitcher Rickie Weeks drove in a run with a sharply hit ball over the heads of the Cubs outfield.

With the game now tied 3-3, Ryan Braun drove Weeks home with a grounder to shortstop Ryan Theriot to end the game in favor of the Brewers.

Over on the west side of the St. Croix, the Minnesota Twins hosted the Seattle Mariners in front of a sold out crowd for the Metrodome's last ever home opener. For the 48,678 fans in attendance, the moment was bittersweet.

Although the Metrodome has been home to the Twins for 28 seasons and has provided a slew of memories, including two World Series titles, fans are ready to get settled into their new outdoor field.

The Dome is famous for its shoddy appearance and mediocre playing field, making it obvious why many Minnesotans are excited to move on.

"I grew up going to games at the Dome. It's definitely sad that the Twins won't be playing there anymore, but I would much rather see a new stadium than continue watching baseball games played indoors. It's just not right," said one Twins fan.

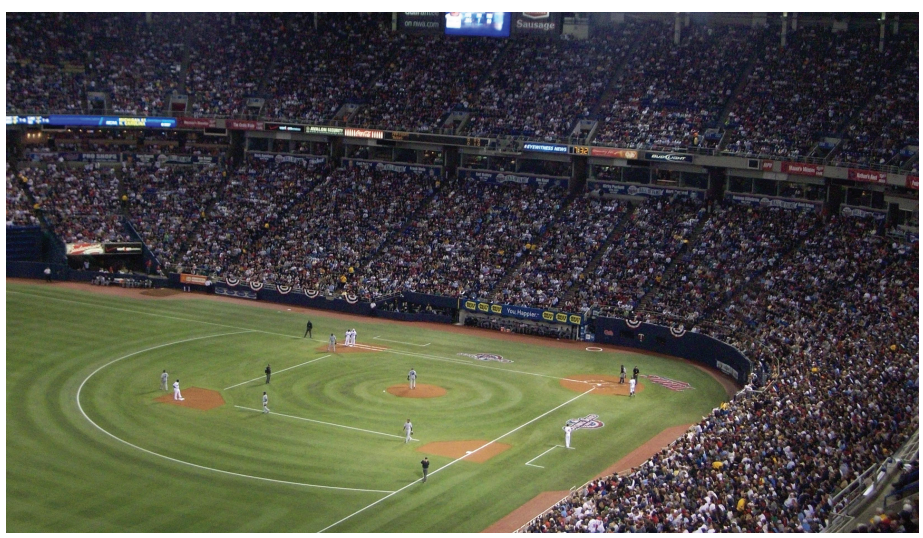
Despite all the benefits of having a new field to play on, plenty of people are approaching the changes discontentedly. The biggest problem many people have is that the new stadium will not have a retractable roof – a luxury Brewers fans have grown accustomed to with Miller Park.

Many Twins fans fear that Minnesota's unpredictable weather will postpone and cancel many home games, especially early in the season.

"I just don't see what the point of having an outdoor stadium is when we live in such an unpredictable climate," said a disgruntled fan.

Many fans travel long distance to come to games. Therefore, if a game is canceled or delayed, it could potentially ruin plans for fans coming from Iowa, the Dakotas or northern Minnesota.

However, there is no going back now. The new stadium is nearing completion, and it is going to be outside whether fans like it or not.



Rachael Lundeen/Stoutonia

This was the Twins' final opening day at the Metrodome due to the team moving to the Target Field for their 2010 season. It was announced days earlier that this game, the 49th annual opening day game, was sold out. With all 48,678 seats filled, it was a full house. They played against the Seattle Mariners.

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Blue Devil Baseball struggles as conference play is underway

Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

This year's young baseball squad returned home from its annual spring break trip to Arizona, ready to carry the momentum of its winning ways as conference play was looming on the schedule. The challenge was to carry this momentum through a week-long layoff before traveling to Stevens Point, Wis. to get the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference season started. While a break is generally needed after a long road trip and playing games on back to back days can be beneficial, sometimes the break is too long and any hot bats will have cooled before resuming play.

From the opening pitch of the first game against the Pointers, the whole team appeared to have gone cold as the defense committed five errors on the day and failed to locate the strike zone, which led to five Pointer batters absorbing those wild pitches. These miscommunications on the field are a primary reason the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point scored 12 runs on merely eight hits. Andy Lorenzen was responsible for the University of Wisconsin-Stout's lone run in the fourth inning as his base hit allowed Greg Smolinski to cross home safely. The game was called in seven innings following a grand slam by the Pointers that activated the 10 run rule. The second game of the doubleheader was strides ahead of the performance in game one and while the victory was just out of reach, the ability of this young team to bounce back shows good signs for the future. The Blue Devils bats were swinging hot to start the game as they led 3-1 with three innings in the books. The Pointers began to show some life in the fourth inning as they brought the game within one run, but once UW-Stout got the ball back, Ryan Stace did his best Ty Cobb impression and stole home to give his team a two-run advantage. With the finish line sitting directly in the crosshairs, the Blue Devils may have overlooked the final stanza of the ninth inning as the Pointers rallied for three runs and the walk-off win.

After being narrowly swept in the first conference series of the season, the Blue Devils looked forward to their next series which brought about opportunities to pick up their first in-state win. UW-Stout hosted the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the Blue Devils' home opener. If you are a fan of slugfests, then this would be the game for you. Following the third inning, the score was 4-3 in favor of UW-Platteville before the Blue Devils exploded for five runs in the bottom of the fourth and another four in the eighth. The timely scoring binges keyed a 13-9 victory that saw Brandon O'Connell hit two long balls with six RBIs. The second game of their double header looked to be heading in the direction of a pitcher's duel, a polar opposite of game one. These aspirations vanished, however, when UW-Platteville erupted for six, three and five runs in consecutive innings. By the seventh inning the game was out of reach at 16-3 and the game was called, giving UW-Stout a 1-1 split in the doubleheader.



Layne Pitt/Sports information director
Although the UW-Stout men's baseball team lost three of its four games against UW-Oshkosh, impressive performances were attained.

The next doubleheader on the Blue Devils plate was once again against UW-Platteville. After having a day of rest and some time to regroup mentally and physically, UW-Stout was able to pick up its first sweep of the season behind several outstanding individual performances. Game one was controlled by the Blue Devils from the beginning, as the offense was running on all cylinders. Andy Lorenzen smashed his first two homers of the season to go along with six RBIs. Jerrel Enerson-Matthews had a perfect three-for-three with three runs scored and three RBIs. While game one was a good sign of progression for this year's squad, game two gave an even better indication of the kind of untapped potential that the team possesses. At the beginning of game two, UW-Platteville capitalized on five walks issued by UW-Stout starter Dave Oestereich, which led to seven Pioneer first-inning runs. The game was saved when Oestereich was replaced with Nate Hanson, who took care of the bases-loaded predicament he faced when he entered. After getting his teammate off the hook for several more earned runs, Hanson showcased excellent control in 10 1/3 innings of stellar pitching. While he allowed an early run, he held the Pioneers offense at bay while his team chipped away at the lead. It only took until the fifth inning before the game was tied and this stalemate would hold until the eleventh where the heroics of another newcomer would come into play. Enerson-Matthews proved his clutch performance yet again with his second game-winning hit of the season as he drove home Ryan Stace for a walk off single that completed the sweep.

The next opponent for the Blue Devils was the 22nd ranked Titans of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. They played back-to-back doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday before breaking for Easter. The winning attitude was in the UW-Stout dugout in its first contest against UW-Oshkosh. The Blue Devils picked up their first two runs of the game in the second inning and never looked back. UW-Oshkosh was able to bring the game within one run but were put out of reach after homeruns by Brian Giebel and Andy Lorenzen shut the door on any comeback bid by the Titans. In the second game of the doubleheader, errors in fielding once again led to runs scored by the opposition. This lack of concentration led to a 9-3 loss and a split in their first doubleheader against the Titans. Any confusion that UW-Oshkosh may have had regarding the offensive and defensive schemes of UW-Stout was completely eradicated during the second doubleheader. Both games were called early due to the 10 run rule as UW-Oshkosh won both games by a score of 21-2, and 20-10. The lone highlight of the day was a three-run tater by Matt Tschida.

The Blue Devils will travel back to Stevens Point for a one game series on Wednesday April 15 before taking on St. Thomas and Lawrence Universities on Sunday, April 19 and Monday, April 20.

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upcoming sporting events

- **April 16:**
  Men's golf (Away) at UW-Eau Claire Invite.
- **April 17:**
  Men's golf (Home) at UW-Stout Tournament at 9 a.m.
  Men's/Women's track and field (Away) at Esten Invite at 1 p.m.
- **April 18:**
  Women's softball (Away) against UW-La Crosse at 2 p.m.
- **April 19:**
  Men's baseball (Away) against St. Thomas at 1 p.m.
  Women's softball (Away) against UW-Platteville at noon.
- **April 20:** Men's baseball (Away) against Lawrence University at 2 p.m.
  Men's golf (away) at Gustavus Tournament.
- **April 21:**
  Men's golf (Away) at Gustavus Tournament.
  Women's softball (Away) against UW-Superior at 3 p.m.
- **April 22:**
  Men's baseball (Away) against UW-Superior at 1 p.m.
- **April 23:**
  Women's softball (Home) against Carleton College at 4 p.m.
- **April 25:**
  Men's baseball (Home) against UW-Whitewater at noon.
  Men's/Women's track and field (Away) at Gustavus Adolphus at 10:30 a.m.
  National Football League draft.
- **April 26:**
  Men's baseball (Home) against UW-Whitewater at noon.
  Women's softball (Home) against UW-Stevents Point at noon.
  National Football League draft.
- **April 28:**
  Women's softball (Away) against Luther College at 3 p.m.

Softball team looked to turn things around after losses

Eric Thorson
Staff Writer

The weather conditions are finally ideal for outdoor sports; the teams can finally stop dressing in layers for games held here in Wisconsin. The warmer weather may just be what the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball team needs to help them turn their season around. The past couple of weeks have not been friendly to the Blue Devils as they have lost eight out of their last 10 games.

The rough stretch started in Kissimmee, Fla. and traveled with the team over 1,000 miles all the way back to Menomonie, Wis. The Blue Devils home opener was against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks who came to Menomonie with a record of 11-2. The route began early as the Warhawks drove in seven runs in the top of the first inning. A second inning relief appearance by freshman Laura Vanderhoof from Mankato, Minn. yielded similar results as UW-Whitewater drove in five more runs in the second. Only two Blue Devils were able to record hits in the game, senior Nelly Peterson and sophomore Jess Grobe. UW-Stout lost the first game of the double-header 12-0. The Warhawks continued to impose their will in the second game, blowing the game wide open with eight runs in the top of the fourth inning. The Blue Devils were able to produce six runs in the second game behind a pair of RBIs from Vanderhoof and sophomore Kelly Conway from La Crescent, Minn. UW-Whitewater beat UW-Stout handily with a final score of 15-6 in the back end of the double-header. The Warhawks currently sit atop the conference with a perfect 10-0 record within the conference and an overall record of 23-3.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

The very next day the Blue Devils ended their four-game losing skid by defeating the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in dramatic walk-off fashion. The first of the back-to-back games took 11 innings to determine a victor, but it only took one pitch in the bottom of the 11th to end it.

Junior infielder Jenna Johnson from Menomonie, Wis. took the initial offering over the fence in left-centerfield to give the Blue Devils the victory 5-4. The latter game of the double-header was much less eventful as the UW-Stout offense was stagnant, only recording one run. The Blue Devils split the two games with the Titans; they were defeated by a score of 4-1.

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The competition didn't get any easier for the Blue Devils when they got set to take on The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in yet another double-header that took place at Alumni Field right here in Menomonie. Runs were again tough to come by against the Blugolds. Junior Kristy Hoffman from Circle Pines, Minn. knocked in the only two runs of the game for the Blue Devils in the second inning. UW-Stout stranded nine runners on base and lost the front end of the back-to-back games 6-2. The back end was a whole different ball game for the Blue Devils, both literally and figuratively. The offense exploded for eight runs including two in the first inning off of a home run by Johnson, her second of the season. The defense behind Hoffman, who was on the mound, was stellar; she allowed only four hits in her five innings of work. Senior Nelly Peterson from Cumberland, Wis. hit a three-run walk-off homerun in the bottom of the fifth inning to send the defending national champion Blugolds home earlier than they expected. The final score was 8-0 resulting in yet another split series for UW-Stout.

The Blue Devils then traveled to River Falls, Wis. to play their first intrastate road games of the season against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. In the first game of the series the Falcons jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. A late surge was not enough for the Blue Devils and they lost the game by a score of 3-2. Things only got worse for UW-Stout during the second game. Falcon pitcher Jamie Klein allowed only three Blue Devil hits throughout her five innings on the mound. UW-River Falls hit .333 as a team and defeated the Blue Devils 8-0.

UW-Stout looked to turn things around in Minnesota's capital city of St. Paul where they were to face the Hamline University Pipers. Five different players' batted runs in and sophomore Lisa Reiter from Elgin, Minn. went 3-4 at the plate for the Blue Devils in the first of their two games. Piper's second basement Heidi Larsen had four RBI's of her own propelling her team to victory over the Blue Devils 7-5.

UW-Stout again couldn't find their stroke during the second game, managing to get only four players on base. They were shut out 3-0 giving them their fourth straight loss.The four-game losing streak gives the Blue Devil women an overall record of 12-16 with a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record of 2-6 which is good enough for sixth place. The Blue Devils will try to right the ship with three upcoming road games before returning home to face Carleton College in a non-conference affair on Thursday, Apr. 23.

Matt Doornink

This six-foot, 190-pound right handed pitcher is a senior packaging major from Cottage Grove, Minn. In his spare time he enjoys playing boot hockey, football, basketball and eating. In 2008, Doornink recorded a team-high of 53 strikeouts.





On April 9, Doornink had a great performance against UW-Oshkosh when he recorded 13 strikeouts, pitching all the way into the ninth inning. The Blue Devils defeated the 22nd ranked UW-Oshkosh team 7-4 largely due to Doornink's pitching. Doornink played in the whole game until he let in three runs in the top of the ninth inning. It was here when Dave Oestreich finished out the game for UW-Stout.

The UW-Stout baseball team will play as visitors in next three meets when they play St. Thomas University on April 19, Lawrence University on April 20 and UW-Superior on April 22.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Blue Devil Baseball

Record: 14-10

The UW-Stout men's baseball team has had an up and down season thus far. Beginning the season strong, the Blue Devils have been on a minor slump recently. On April 10 they lost both games to a run-happy UW-Oshkosh team, losing their first game 21-2 and their second 20-10. UW-Stout's Ryan Gilbertson delivered in the second game, hitting a two-run home run. He finished the second game with two home runs, going four for five at the plate with three RBIs and three runs scored.

Next game: (Away) Against St. Thomas on Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m.

Men's Track & Field

UW-Stout's Nate Carey finished the 10,000 meter run in first place at the Lee Krough Invitational at Gustavus Adolphus on April 10. He paced the course with a time of 31 minutes, 38.18 seconds, 22 seconds faster than his closest competitor. Kendall Wade placed second in the 200-meter with a time of 22.34 and fifth in the 100-meter with at time of 11.24. Sam Flood also did well with a sixth place finish in the 100-meter with a time of 11 seconds. Carey was the lone UW-Stout athlete to finish an individual performance in first place.

Next meets: (Away) Phil Esten Invitational in Winona, Minn. on Friday, April 17 at 1 p.m.
(Away) Against Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Blue Devil Softball

Record: 12-16

The UW-Stout women's softball team has faltered as of recently losing eight of its last 10 games. Although they started their season strong, the Blue Devils have lost their winning tendencies. On April 13, UW-Stout played against Hamline University in a doubleheader match which inevitably favored the Pipers. However, the Blue Devils played very good defense, allowing the Pipers to score in only two innings of the doubleheader. Those two innings provided the death blow to UW-Stout's chances as the Pipers scored six runs in the sixth inning of the first game and three runs in the third inning of the second game.

Next game: (Away) Against UW-La Crosse on Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m.

Nate Carey finishes in first place in the 10,000 meter run at the Lee Krough Invite, Women's softball drop eight of their last 10 games, Men's baseball splits doubleheader against UW-Stevens Point.





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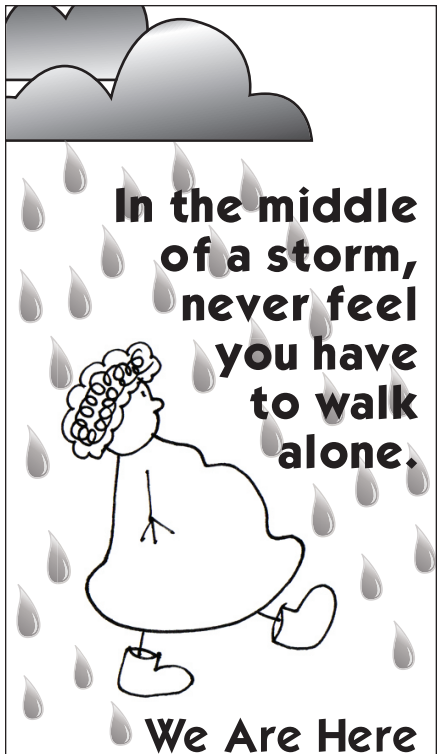
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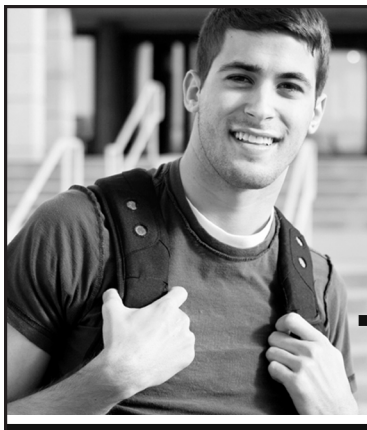
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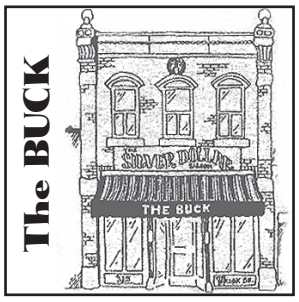
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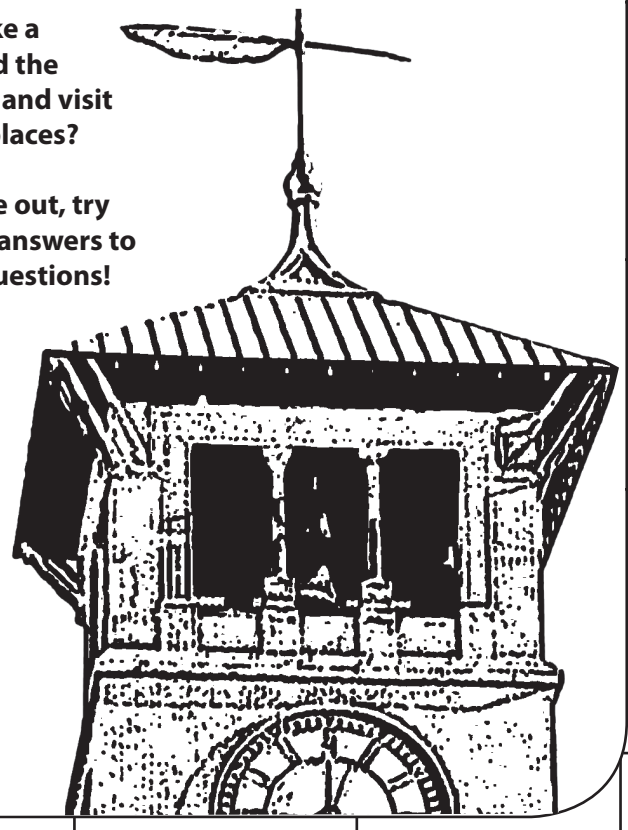
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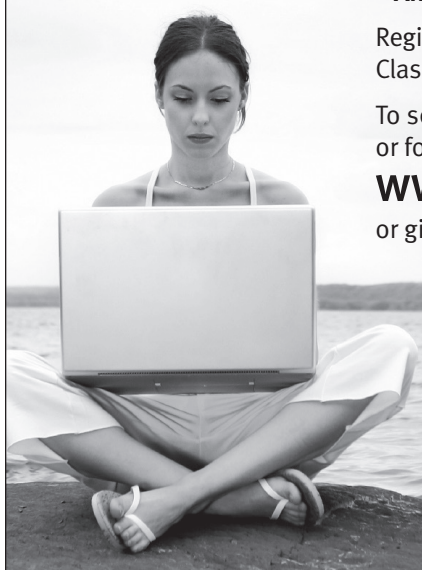
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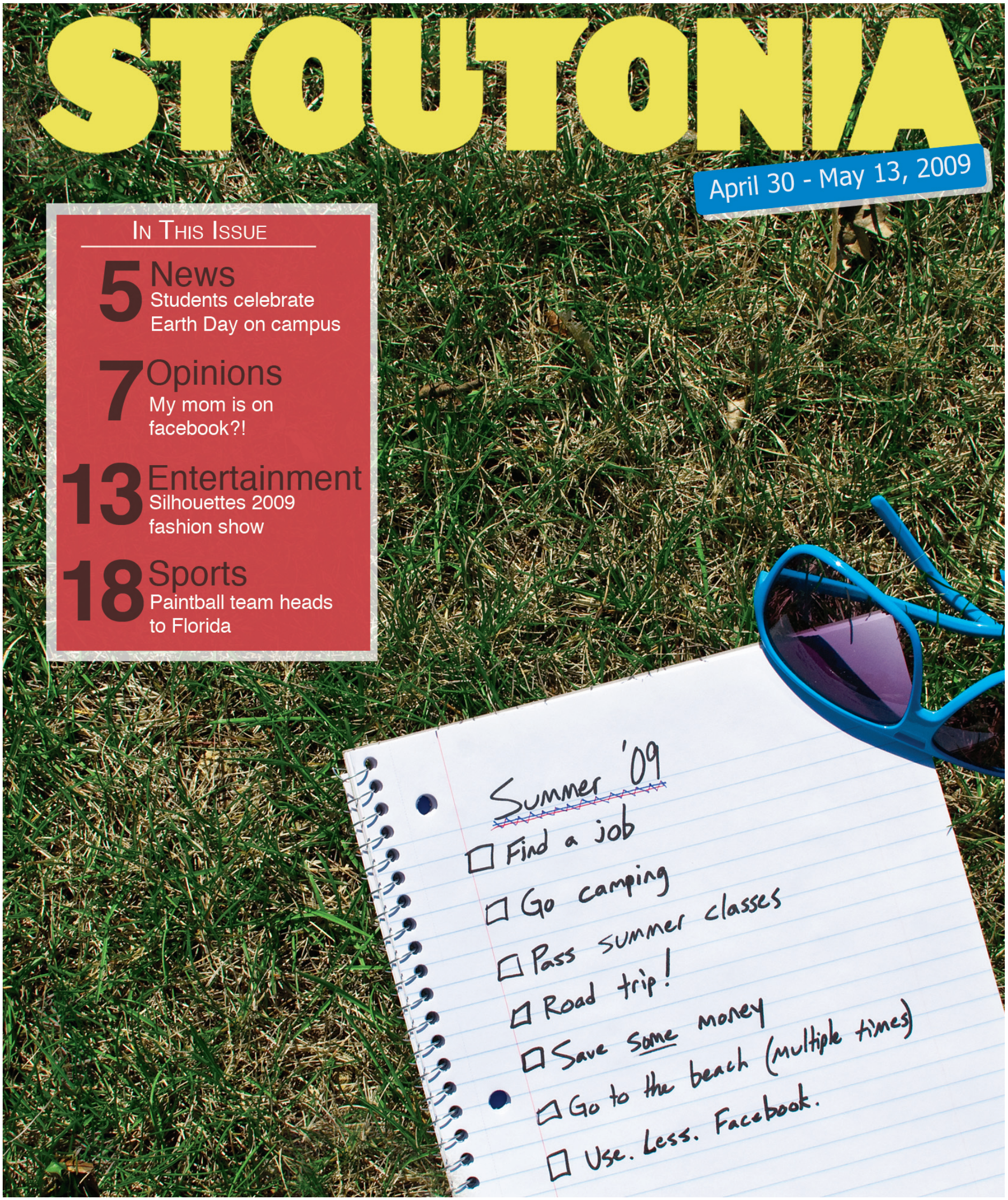
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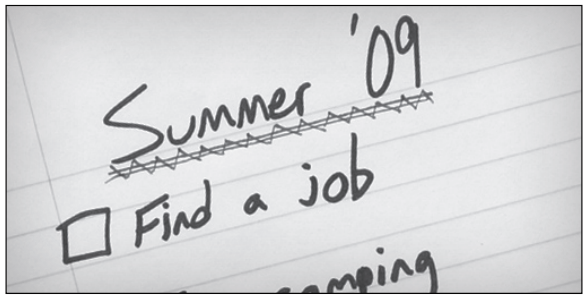
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Stoutonia announces next year's editorial board



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French Dip | UW-Stout hosts annual leadership conference

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

On April 17 and 18, the University of Wisconsin-Stout held the annual French Dip Conference. Between 80 and 100 delegates participated from many UW System schools. This event was mainly funded by InterResidence Hall Association and had many UW-Stout volunteers helping out. The conference focused around WURHA, the Wisconsin United Residence Hall Association.

Every year this conference is held at a different UW System school. Hoping to host the event, UW-Stout wrote an overview stating why UW-Stout is the best location to play the part. It was 17 pages long. In this, they had to include everything from where the delegates would stay to budget and meals. Then they went through a bidding process where they won the honor of having the annual conference here. This process began in 2007 and took over a year of planning to make happen.

This conference was all about leadership and planning. Officers were chosen for next year. Some positions that were being voted on included president, vice president and incoming advisors. Along with those positions, WURHA chair was also voted on. The contestants who wanted this position had to bid on it with an eight page themed document stating their involvement and experience for the part. Two essays had very interesting themes; one was Mario Kart and the other was Project Runway. Also, students could go to programming sessions where they would hear about residence hall events that were a success, such as the annual Stoutnic event on campus. There were also six pieces of legislation passed for the next year.

French Dip involved a lot of planning since there were so many extra students in town for the weekend. The delegates stayed at the AmericInn and were transported back and forth to the school by shuttle. There were many volunteers in this event, doing anything from handing out T-shirts to working security.

New leadership class developed on campus

Rachael Lundeen
News Editor

Do you feel that you're a leader at the University of Wisconsin-Stout? Well, there is a new class being offered now for leaders on campus. This one-credit course is called Leadership. "The class is a really good experience because we learn about the outside community that most students never would venture out to see," said Melissia Krueger, a sophomore in the course.

In the class, the students will read two books, host an event for Dunn County and participate in a civic engagement project. This involves five hours of community service total for each student. The class is split into groups and each group will pick somewhere to do their community service. For example, some groups would volunteer at the food pantry, the Humane Society or volunteer at the local elementary schools. The students are trying to get more people to participate in community service through the course. They are putting up posters around campus and advertising on Facebook. If you see a poster around, they strongly recommend that everyone helps out!

Sustainable Stout

Protecting Lake Menomin

Community members defeat invasive species

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

This summer you may find yourself living locally, cruising around Lake Menomin or fishing off its sandy shores.

However, like many of Wisconsin's lakes, aquatic invasive species (AIS) are a threat to native water plants and animals, but you can help protect Lake Menomin from the dangers AIS present.

The Tainter/Menomin Lake Improvement Association is looking for volunteers to take part in protecting local lakes by monitoring boat landings throughout the summer and educating boating enthusiasts about the harm AIS can cause.

A free training session for volunteers will be held at 5:30 p.m. on April 27 at the Lamb's Creek Boat Landing, across from Jake's Supper Club at Highways D and G. For more information, contact Lynn Engelhorn at (715) 797-5280 or Kris Pawlowski at (715) 235-6832.

Recyclemania success

Tasha Sookochoff
Staff Writer

RecycleMania came to an end on March 28 on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

RecycleMania, the national collegiate recycling event was once again a success on the UW-Stout campus.

Finishing second behind the UW-Whitewater, UW-Stout had the lowest overall amount of waste per person. Individuals on campus disposed of 34.49 pounds of waste per person in a 10-week period.

UW-Stout placed fifth in the category of Grand Champion by recycling 23.45 percent of its overall waste.

UW-Stout also placed fifth in the Gorilla Prize category for the highest cumulative weight of recyclables, weighing in at 34.46 tons.

Helping UW-Stout succeed in the competition was the Science, Society and Environment class. In the last two years, over 200 students have organized RecycleMania as part of the course's curriculum.

Aside from totaling waste and recyclables on a weekly basis, the classes held Floor Wars in the dorms and created recycling awareness at UW-Stout events.

This year, students also wrapped up RecycleMania by sorting through all of the trash collected from bins around campus for one day and removing all of the recyclables. From the waste collected, students recovered 44 pounds of plastic, four pounds of aluminum, 23 pounds of paper and 13 pounds of glass which should have been recycled.

This year's RecycleMania inspired students to form a new organization on campus. Stout RecycleMania will work to bring more sustainable practices and solutions to UW-Stout in the future. For more information about the organization, contact President Jake Pulfer at pulferj@uwstout.edu.

Developing sustainability

Global Course returns from Scandinavia with projects in hand



Danielle Olson
News Editor

Ten University of Wisconsin-Stout students took the course of a lifetime to Scandinavia to learn more about global sustainability.

Ron Scozzari from the engineering technology department and Jennifer Astwood, an industrial design professor, were the professors who created the Global Sustainability course.

"We felt that we could provide an opportunity to expose engineers and designers to work together and develop a product, and expose them to a different culture and their views on sustainability," said Astwood.

But other students, including those from business and psychology, found an interest in the course. "It was a surprise and a happy accident to find that other students would be interested in the class," said Astwood.

The students were put into three groups to design a sustainable product. "One group is developing a sustainable pizza box, another group is developing a home compost unit and the third group is doing a redesign on dry foods packaging," said Astwood.

The students also went on a trip to Scandinavia over spring break to visit six companies. "We chose Scandinavia because there is continuous development of sustainability in this region," said Astwood.

"The students spoke with these companies and learned what these companies are doing to address sustainability," said Astwood. During their visit to the companies, students learned about how to develop a sustainable product, along with its challenges.

Now the students are back in the states and are in the process of developing their ideas. "They not only have the challenge of developing a product in a short amount of time, but also working in groups with people who have different perspectives," said Astwood.

"I believe they are finding the process challenging because it is no easy task to work with other people from other backgrounds, but this is the reality of the industry," said Astwood. "This is why this course is so beneficial …[the students] are gaining insight to this process and its challenges."



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UW-Stout professor earns teaching award



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia

Danielle Olson
News Editor

The Women's Caucus Kathy Connors Teaching Award is given to art educators recognized by their peers, students and administration as a professor who inspires and also mentors students. The award was first given in 1999.

Professor Sheri Klein, Ph.D. of art education in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Stout was presented with the award on April 19 at the National Art Education Association Conference in Minneapolis, Minn.

"Awards give professors verification that they are doing their job right, and we need that from time to time," said Klein.

Along with excelling as an instructor, this award acknowledges strength in mentoring. "I have worked with other Wisconsin art teachers to develop electronic portfolios and to add technology into K-12 art teaching practices," said Klein. She has also worked with other faculty members to acquire research projects and grants.

Mentoring students is something important to Klein. She has worked on the UW-Stout National Art Education Student Chapter. "It means a lot to me since I was not only recommended by colleagues, but also by my students," said Klein.

> "Her dedication to the field has impacted peers, students, and administrators...in our nation's schools."
>
> -Read Diket, former colleague

Read Diket, a long-time colleague who teaches in Mississippi, nominated Klein for the award. Klein also received recommendations from students, other colleagues and administration of UW-Stout. "Her dedication to the field has impacted peers students and administrators at the university level and in our nation's schools… Her willingness to reach out to others, to endeavor as mentor and friend to teachers in schools, university peers, and to serve in Women's Caucus has extended her influence beyond my knowledge," said Diket in the letter of recommendation.

"Awards like this wouldn't happen if it weren't for the students," said Klein. "And that's why we're here."

Green friends

Stout students celebrate Earth Day









Michael Grevas/Stoutonia

Students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout gathered in the lawn outside the Memorial Student Center on Earth Day, April 22.

Earth Day was first conceived by Sen. Gaylord Nelson in the early 1960s. Nelson worried that environmental issues were not being addressed in the political arena. In his conservation efforts, Nelson organized a nationwide grassroots demonstration in the spring of 1970, to further promote conservation involvement and awareness. Support for and interest in the activity was immense and the 1970 demonstration became the first official Earth Day. The first Earth Day helped inspire the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts. Each year, April 22 marks the celebration of Earth Day, which is now observed around the world.

How to eat after college

Ashley Smolen
Entertainment Editor

The time to leave college life has nearly arrived. In just a few short weeks, life as new graduates will be changing at record speed. What happens when college students leave the world of ramen noodles and late-night pizzas? Is there hope for real grown-up meals without a lot of fuss or cooking know-how needed? Of course. The world of cooking is no more complicated than any class taken in college. However, the ease with which preparing a meal can be done depends on the kitchen resources available. By having a well-stocked pantry, a good assortment of pans and utensils and just a smidge of patience, the new college graduate is only minutes away from becoming a culinary geniuses. Now, if only finding a job were so easy!

The well-stocked kitchen should have:

Pots and pans:

Saucepans (1-qt., 2-qt. and 3-qt.)
Skillets (8" and 10")
Large Sauté Pan (deeper than a skillet, with a lid)
Dutch Oven (this is a large, deep pot with handles on the sides)

Baking pans:

Muffin tin
Cookie sheet
Glass casserole dish (9x13 or 9x9)
Cake pan (9x13)

Utensils:

A set of measuring spoons
A set of dry measuring cups
A glass liquid measuring cup
Cutting board
Spatulas
Soup ladle
Kitchen tongs
Wooden spoons
Standing grater (4-sided)
Colander (looks like a bowl with small holes; this is what pasta is drained in)
Vegetable peeler
Potato masher
Wire whisk
Can opener
Timer
Corkscrew
Zester (looks like a very fine cheese grater)
Slotted spoons
Wooden spoons
High-heat rubber spatulas
Funnel
Pepper grinder
Wooden skewers
Ice cream scoop
A variety of sharp knives
Additional items:
A variety of different sized bowls for mixing
Cooling racks
Pot holders
Trivets to set hot pans on
Electric mixer

General:

Bouillon (vegetable, beef and chicken)
Bread crumbs
Cans of soup, condensed and heat-and-eat
Canned broth
Canned tomatoes
Cocoa powder
Coffee (beans, ground or instant)
Cooking wine (red and white)
Cornstarch
Crackers
Dry soup mixes
Honey
Instant pudding
Nonstick cooking spray
Oatmeal
Oil (vegetable and olive)
Pasta/Rice
Peanut butter
Popcorn
Red wine and White vinegar
Spaghetti sauce

Herbs and Spices:

Basil
Bay leaves
Cayenne pepper
Cinnamon
Crushed red pepper
Dry mustard
Garlic powder
Garlic salt
Nutmeg
Onion powder
Oregano
Paprika
Pepper
Rosemary
Sage
Salt
Thyme

Condiments:

Barbecue sauce
Hot sauce
Ketchup
Jam and jelly
Mayonnaise
Mustard
Salad dressings
Salsa
Soy sauce

Baking:

Baking powder
Baking soda
Biscuit/pancake mix
Brownie mix
Cake mix
Chocolate chips
Flour
Shortening
Sugars
Vanilla extract

When the pantry is well-stocked and the kitchen is ready to go, try the following recipe for a grown-up meal without the fuss:

Ham and broccoli rice skillet
Just five ingredients combine to make a delicious one dish meal for a cold fall or winter night.
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Ingredients:
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 onion, chopped
4 oz. pkg. long grain and wild rice mix
1-3/4 cups water or chicken broth
2 cups frozen broccoli florets
1-1/2 cups cubed cooked ham
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
Preparation:
In a large skillet, melt olive oil over medium heat and cook onion until tender, stirring frequently. Add rice from mix and cook for two minutes, stirring frequently. Add water and contents of seasoning packet from the rice mix; mix well. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low, cover the skillet, and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Stir in broccoli and ham. Return mixture to a boil, then reduce heat again to low, cover, and cook 10-15 minutes until rice is tender, stirring frequently. Stir in parmesan cheese and serve. Serves four
From about.busycooks.com



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

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Watch out for that curb superman.

April 14
Police reported to the Jeter-Tainter-Callahan Dining Hall services when a UW-Stout van tired to get around one of the semi-trucks with a trailer unloading on the loading dock. When one of the tires slipped off the edge of the curb the UW-Stout van, the back end of the van hit the semi-truck's driver's side mirror. After much effort the two drivers were able to push the van like superman to prevent any further damage. Although nothing was broken, the two men learned a valuable lesson that day, that damaging someone's semi-truck can cause adrenaline that creates super human strength.

Like the stuff they give cows?

April 14
Police went to a dorm room in Milnes Hall for a reported theft of a prescription medication. The room was not locked over the weekend and someone had come in and stole 80 tablets of Dexatrin. The confusing part is that Dexatrin is a medicine they give to cows and large animals. Dexatrim is a diet pill, but really are we going to call the police over missing diet pills?

Honesty pays … literally.

April 17
Police were dispatched to Parking Lot 24 when a car backed into another car and left damage. Instead of fleeing, the girl called the police to report damage. She seems to be one of the more honest people on campus. There ended up being an 18 inch scratch on the bumper of her car with little to no damage to the other vehicle. Instead of paying a hit and run ticket, she is now paying for the damage to her own car. Smart chick.

Do we need motorcycle racks?

April 20
A motorcycle was found parked at a bike rack near the library. It's bad enough we have people on mopeds that are zooming by us at 15 mph, but now we have to watch out for hogs on the sidewalk? The man received a $25 ticket for parking his motorcycle on the bike rack. Keep in mind pedestrians, people aren't slowing down on their mopeds when they are getting to the bike rack.

Let the buffalo roam

April 22
Two buffalo were let loose from Wakanda park and roaming around, just chillin', eating grass at Exit 41 coming into Menomonie. The police tried to rally up the animals away from the Interstate, but got gun happy and ending up killing the animals. Where was a tranquilizer when we needed it, guys?

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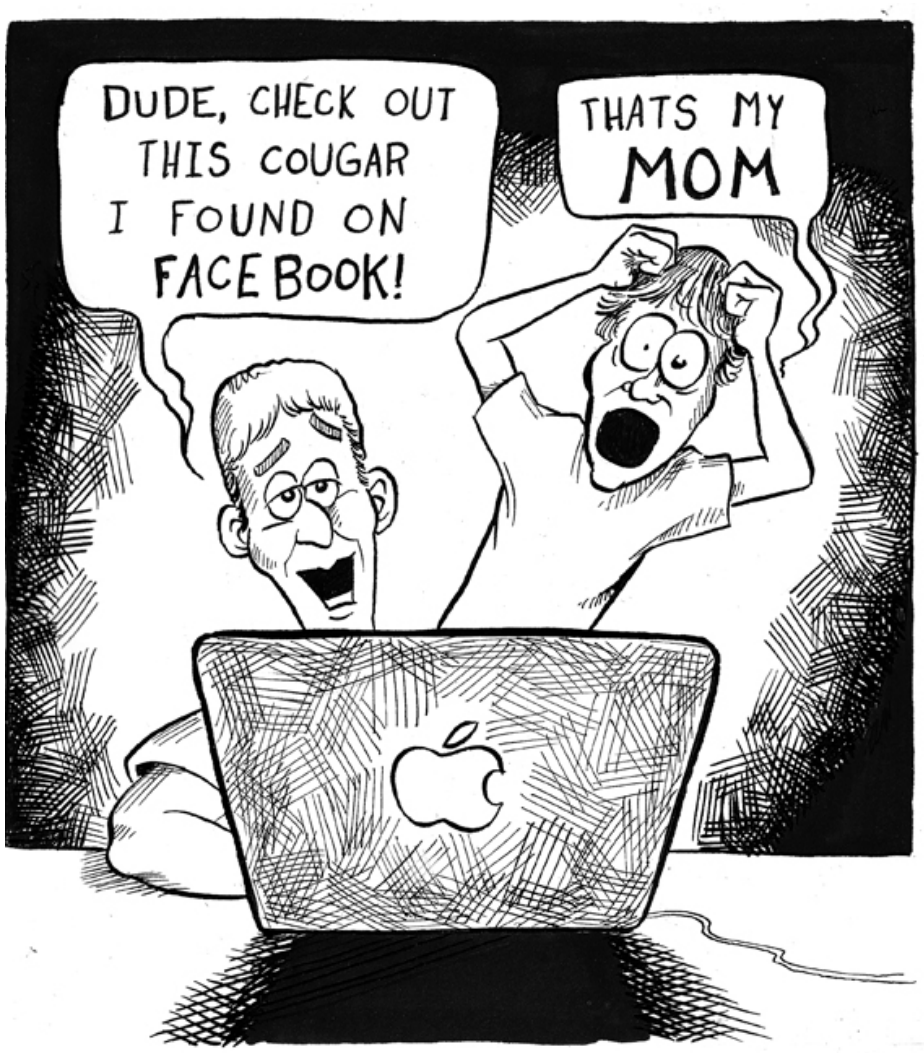
Tiffany Willits
UW-Stout student contributor

Facebook is one of the world's most-used websites for social networking. Facebook has used technology to connect and interact people by adding friends, writing on friends' walls, sending messages to friends, as well as doing an instant chat for those that are online at the same time. What was once used primarily only for college students has been turned into a phenomenon being used by teachers, aunts, uncles, siblings and parents. There has been a lot of controversy over whether or not employers can use this resource to search for future employees, but there never is really talk about parents having an account. I had the privilege of interviewing two of my close friends from the University of Wisconsin-Stout on their moms' Facebook accounts. Kelly Putnam is a sophomore in technical communication and Jen Ubl is a sophomore in business administration. They both shared some of their Facebook experiences with me, "mom-style."

When I first asked them what their initial reaction was when their mom got a Facebook, Kelly said that she did not want to add her mom when she got a friend request from her. She said once her sister had added her mom, she knew that she had to. Jen said that when she received the friend request from her mom she just questioned whether or not that was a good idea. I am not sure how I would feel if my mom randomly got a Facebook, but I know that my mom is always sneaking around on mine asking to see my friends when I happen to have it open when she is around. I know that my mom is the type of person to tell me that she would rather not hear why I was up so late or what I did Friday night because she doesn't want me to disappoint her, which for the most part, I do not. However, I feel if my mom had a Facebook, it would almost be beneficial for her to look at my pictures from a certain day or weekend so that she could see what I did and who I was with.

I asked both Kelly and Jen if they have any rules for their moms and Kelly stated three basic rules. She first said that her mom has to "explore at her own risk." While Kelly does not have any extreme information or pictures on her account, she just warned her mom to pick and choose what she looked at. Kelly's second rule was that her mom is not allowed to add any of Kelly's friends, unless they request her first. Her third rule was that if her mom needed something from her, she cannot write on her wall, rather she needs to call. Kelly stated that she needs to call her because "she is my mom." Jen had two basic rules for her mom. The first was to not write on her wall, unless it was something fun for the day. She also informed her mom to not snoop on her friends. If my mom had a Facebook, I would most likely have these same rules, but I may consider blocking some of the information or setting some of it to private.

I asked Kelly and Jen if their moms



Marc Anderson/ Stoutonia

Facebook Chat is a great way to contact people online. It is similar to a text message or instant messaging on AIM. I asked the girls if they ever Facebook Chat with their moms or if they find it annoying. Kelly said that she talks to her mom over the phone and if she has pictures from an event or school, they will sit down and go through the album together. When Kelly and her mom go through albums, Kelly will explain each picture so that her mom understands where she was and who she was with. Jen explained that the Facebook Chat is a little too complicated for her mom, and therefore they do not use the chat; rather, they send messages to each other. I feel as if my mom is up with technology because she works in an office and has good computer skills. My mom also is an excellent texter on her cell phone, so I believe that if my mom had a Facebook, she would enjoy chatting and she would not find it difficult.

have ever looked at a picture on their page or saw a comment and questioned them or approached them for what the significance was. Kelly said that her mom once read through her information and saw something about Kelly enjoying running around naked. Her mom asked her if she did that at her cabin and Kelly just laughed and told her to "explore at her own risk." Kelly also said that sometimes when her mom looks through pictures she will ask who the people are and what they were doing. Jen informed me that her mom respects her in that aspect (of privacy, pictures and information), but a lot of parents who have children that are friends with Jen will ask questions. Kelly and Jen both came to the conclusion that college can be stressful and hard and sometimes their statuses reflect their emotions at that time. They both admit to having statuses sounding like they are giving up and their parents will wonder what is wrong. Kelly said, "If I have an upset status, don't call me. If my mom did not have a Facebook, she never would have known I was upset." Jen replied, "Right. Sometimes I put up a status because that it what I am feeling at that moment—most times I can change it and get over it." I fully agree with Kelly and Jen about the privacy issue and exploring at your own risk. I think Kelly said it best when she mentioned that if her mom did not have a Facebook, she never would know about some things that happen.

I am friends with two parents on Facebook, and I do not mind or really even think about the fact that they could be looking at my information. For the most part, I keep my information and pictures decent and if they happen to see one where I'm having "too much fun," then they see it. I think life is a great thing, and that people should live it up for everything that it is worth. Some days you can be dancing around with a group of friends taking funny pictures, and other days you can be at a party or wearing swimsuits. While this may not look good on a "work application," I think it shows that you know how to have fun and that you enjoy life. I actually have chatted with my neighbor (my friend's mom) online, and she was really sweet and just asked me how school was going and told me that she missed me. It was nice to get an unexpected message from her, and when she told me that she missed me, it showed me that she really cared for me. I also am friends with my high school math teacher and she also started chatting with me one day asking about what part of California I was in when I was on spring break. We eventually started talking about my statistics class in college and it was nice to catch up with her. Facebook is such a great social networking connection and people just need to be cautious of what they put on it. I recommend setting your profile to private so that only your friends can look at it. While you think that your mom may never get a Facebook, wait for the day when you get a friend request and it is your mom. Just make sure that you don't disappoint her.

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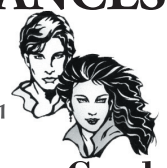
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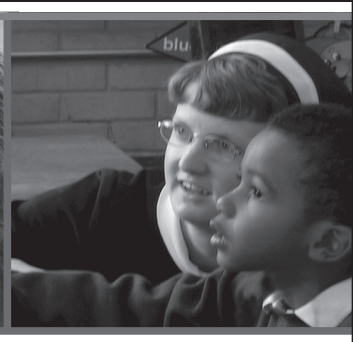


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The student survival guide for the inevitable apocalypse

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Incoming Opinions Editor

My professor advised us, "You can never plan too far ahead, people." Hearing this I became curious. When does one stop planning for the future? A month, a semester, a year, five years, 10? And how specific should you get? This article goes beyond helping you plan for summer internships, fall classes or lining up housing for the fall. I am talking about what matters. Yes, I am talking about strategies for post-apocalyptic survival.

We're living in crazy times: global recession, two wars, the Chinese in space, swine flu, Diet Dr. Pepper tasting like regular Dr. Pepper and "The Hills" being a socially-acceptable form of entertainment. All the signs of the apocalypse are here. So what's a person to do? Repent? Of course not. This article highlights some planned strategies that will help guide you in the future post-apocalyptic world. This guide will help you as you journey through the tough times ahead.

Learn to defend yourself: Take karate lessons. It will prove useful defense against mutant sub-humans threatening imminent harm. I don't think anyone wants to end up like Ned Betty in "Deliverance."

Plus, you get a fashionable belt that adds flair to any outfit.

Pong or perfume? Stop showering. The sooner you get used to the lurid smell of your sweaty, damp, body basement, the better. Time not spent on personal hygiene can be allocated for important decisions, such as, should I have the chicken or liver Alpo tonight? This will also act as a natural deterrent against ticks, lice and other creepy crawlies seeking refuge in your fuzzy jungle.

Fashion victim or fashion slave? Wear your underwear on the outside of your pants. This is a look that says, "Back up buddy, I will eat your face." It's the old prison adage: If you can't be the toughest one in the yard, you'd better be the craziest.

Become a bear: Now the average Joe is going to be panicking, running around hoarding ammunitions and gas. This is a total rookie mistake. What I recommend is going down to the local Walgreens pharmacy. While everyone else is looting food and antibiotics, head over to the aisle with the sleeping pills and stock up. See where I'm going with this? Of course you do, this is a polytechnical university! While the rest of the world is busy killing each other over the last can of SpongeBob SquarePants Spaghettiō's or deciding which one of their children looks the most delicious, you will be in a tranquil dreamless sleep. I also recommend a tape of whale calls and a scented candle of your choice.

Plain old good advice: Switch to a high-fiber breakfast cereal. It's just good for you, dummy.

Never mix business with pleasure: Now comes the question of companionship, a truly important issue. First of all, a dog is out of the question. If you're anything like me, you already ate yours when the stock market began to fall a few months back. What you need is a non-edible cohort made out of a soft wood. I recommend a nice tamarack. Don't worry about splinters. Splinters can be easily avoided with a little sanding. Start with a coarse sand paper, working your way up to a very fine grain. Anywhere from 360 to 600 should take care of any issues you may have.

I should note that these strategies will not guarantee survival after the coming apocalypse. It is up to you to plan ahead this summer to ensure your own survival. I recommend buying a spiral notebook. This will allow you to spend all of your free time preparing a list of plans and strategies. Sure, you can hang out with your friends, float lazily down a river or any number of leisurely activities. Don't say I didn't warn you when the mutant squirrels steal your last piece of pizza. Like a wise woman once told me, "You can never plan too far ahead, people!"

The elevator isn't a free-for-all ride

Olivia Schuenke
UW-Stout student contributor

If you have class on any floor other than the first in Harvey Hall, then you're all too familiar with the never-ending stairwell. Try to think of it this way: You're running late for class, having just walked from North campus or up the Harvey Hall hill from south campus, so now you are sweaty and out of breath. As you enter Harvey Hall, you see that the elevator doors are open and they seem to be calling your name. "Come on!" it says, "There isn't anyone who needs to use the elevator right now, and it won't hurt to use it just this one time." As you board the elevator and ascend to your third or fourth floor destination, you can't help but shake a feeling of guilt. Your guilt is probably letting you know that there IS someone who needs to use the elevator but they have to wait while you, who are perfectly capable of taking the stairs, ride up without hesitation.

As a person who has a physical handicap and who has an incredibly hard time walking up three or four flights of stairs, I can't tell you what a pet peeve it is to get into Harvey Hall and see the elevator door closing behind 10 youthful, 20-year-olds who are too lazy to take the stairs. I also have encountered many times when the elevator doors open and it is completely packed with people, yet no one gets out to let anyone else on.

Even though walking up the stairs is incredibly hard for me, I still have enough courtesy to always take the stairs down, but on the rare occasion when I have taken the elevator down, I am astounded to find physically fit people waltzing into the elevator and going down two or three floors. How pathetic is that? The University of Wisconsin-Stout has taken the time to consider those who cannot walk or have a hard time getting up and down the stairs. Maybe if you take the elevator and don't physically need to, next time you'll be more considerate of those people as well and take the stairs.

Where have all the teachers gone?

Jordan Chabalowski
UW-Stout student contributor

With the semester swiftly winding down, it appears that everyone is feeling the crunch. Students are working around the clock, running on adrenaline (or so they say) as they attempt to squeeze out the final workload. Some claim their best work comes out under pressure, but any seasoned academic can smell procrastination throughout the campus. Professors attempt their final teaching push amidst an overcrowded classroom of students whose minds feel more inspired by Facebook than the pursuit of knowledge.

These unsung heroes of our university have constantly strived towards teaching excellence semester after semester. As the university's student population continues to grow, teachers are continuing to be stretched to the limit. Overloads are becoming more common within the halls of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and though increased numbers are fantastic for the profitability of UW-Stout, the administration must understand that there are human limitations that come into play.

Due to the state of the economy and the proposed budget recently released by Governor Doyle, UW-Stout must adapt to the tumultuous economic conditions. It is being proposed that academic staff within a number of departments increase their teaching loads to 15 credits per semester for the coming Fall 2009, and onward. This is not a mandatory act, but academic staff can choose to accept teaching five classes. Currently, the load of the academic staff is 12 credits per semester, though many instructors have been teaching more sections. The proposed increase does give the give academic staff a choice to teach fewer than 15 credits, though they will be taking a pay cut in doing so. With respect first and foremost to the students, this type of decision made by the administration may have some dire unforeseen consequences to the academic integrity of UW-Stout.

Already, instructors are experiencing difficulties attempting to handle such large class loads. The addition of three more credits per semester incurs many more individual papers, assignments, discussion boards, presentations per student. Hypothetically if an academic staff member had 23 students (the rough average class size at UW-Stout) per class, at 5 classes, that would equal 115 students per semester. Instructors should be able to teach to their full capacity, and this increase may not be a realistic expectation if the university expects to hold to its Malcolm Baldridge standards. The amount of time that it takes to thoroughly critique and offer feedback per assignment per student is already being tested with the classes bursting with able minds. If the demands of the syllabus, educational standards of the state of Wisconsin and sheer volume of class size might burnout our teachers, we may experience a "brain drain" of sorts within the university. Already below the national average salary, the instructors may leave to other universities. This would be a most unfortunate turn of events, since the caliber of academic faculty of this university is such that most students do not appreciate. One can only hope that the academic staff will be able to fair the coming changes, and have the student body to fall back on for inspiration. It would appear that the times are changing, but where we are headed remains uncertain.

Has something been lost in our "casual culture?"

Jane Jeffries
UW-Stout academic staff contributor

English 101 started like any other class this semester. I came in for the first day of class, got out my books, plugged in my laptop and then took a moment to look around the room. Most students already had their laptops turned on and were busy on Facebook or e-mail or just "surfing the net." There was one student, however, who came in, had a seat, and left her laptop closed. I noticed her because she sat up straight in her seat and had her hands folded on her desk as she waited for me to begin. Since I am a highly- trained professional with a master's degree, I was able to deduce that she was not from around these parts. One thing was clear: She didn't grow up in America.

I am American, however, and have grown accustomed to the way we do things over here. We are very casual, for one thing, with authority figures. This may not be surprising considering that our current President has done everything from bowling to downing a few Budweisers to prove that he is just a regular guy. Since this is my culture, I accept that my students are very casual in the classroom, but there are days when I wonder if we Americans haven't lost something important. I might not have noticed at all except that I now see the differences between my foreign students and my American students.

Take my student from Nepal, for instance. His demeanor is courteous, and he almost never makes direct eye contact with me. OK, my American students don't make eye contact with me, either, unless I post a comment about their status on Facebook. Anyway, I was handing tests back one day at the beginning of class but had some separate instructions for this student. After finishing, I started to walk away but remembered another instruction, and as I turned to walk back, he, who was almost sitting, stood up again quickly. It was then that I realized he had stood up—out of respect—when I came to speak to him. He may not have noticed my pause of shock; I simply am not accustomed to such behavior.

I've had conversations with my students about their apparent addiction to the technology before them. Why do they check e-mail when other things are going on? Why do they text? The answer is always the same: because they are bored. Implied, of course, in this thinking is that if one is bored, it is all right to be rude. They might text during a class, for instance, and not consider that such behavior is disrespectful to the teacher. Of course, I've also seen young people texting while at a restaurant on a date. Are they texting their date? Do they give each other a good night "luv U! <3 "? Again, maybe it's just a cultural thing.

But it isn't just the classroom; there are noticeable differences in how students e-mail, too. One student e-mail this semester went exactly like this: "O crap! I just realized what I was supposed to do for the assignment. I think I missed the drop box." Was there a question in there somewhere? Of course, it didn't start out with "Dear Mrs. Jeffries" (unless "O Crap" is his nickname for me). Compare that communication with another message sent by a foreign student which began, "Dear Respected Ma'am."

A student from Saudi Arabia shared this comment, "One thing a teacher said that surprised me on the first day of class was that he asked the students to respect him this semester. In my country, to respect a teacher is understood already, he would not have to ask for it." Where he comes from, great respect is given to "those who have knowledge."

I have to ask myself: am I "one who has knowledge?" If not, I can understand why I've lost some respect. Still, it feels as though there's a broader issue—that something has been lost in this casual culture of ours. Maybe it's me, but scanning my classroom, I have to wonder what a foreign teacher might think.

It wasn't respectable in the '80s, it's not respectable in our time

Sonia Vasile
Opinions Editor

The '80s are back. I see it everywhere. People are wearing acid-washed jeans. High-waisted pants are now high-fashion. Wal-Mart is now painted neon. It's all over everything – shirts, shoes, skinny jeans, dresses, makeup and accessories – and what's "in" is a massive overload of bangles, necklaces and rings. Runways are exhibiting outfits with shoulder pads – er, excuse me, "accentuated shoulders." Jumpsuits - for the love of God - jumpsuits are being repackaged as "onesies" and sold at major retailers. There are off-the-shoulder tops. Side ponytails. Shiny metallics. Shredded clothing. Leggings. Shiny, metallic, shredded leggings.

Has everyone gone insane? Do we really think that we'll look back and think about how good our shredded hot pink skinny jeans looked? Why is it considered fashionable to look like you got attacked by a bear wielding Day-Glo? Isn't 80's fashion remembered because of its tackiness? What's next? Crimped hair? Perms? I'm beginning to doubt that there any awful trends left from that decade that we haven't yet hijacked and made "new" again.

I'm not claiming to be a fashionista, and in no way am I saying that indulging in some of those '80s looks is bad. I mean, I saw "Labyrinth" when I was 10 and I immediately swore that David Bowie's haircut would be mine someday. And I kept my promise to myself, albeit my interpretation of his "do" being a less-than-literal representation.



Marc Anderson/ Stoutonia

I have to know: Why is society taking this so far? Why are we doing this to ourselves? I feel as though people who over-recycle '80s trends are the ones who actually never lived through it. They think they're dressing fun and retro, but missing is the observation that instead of being a throwback to the era of big hair, sequins and shoulder pads, they've become a literal representation of the decade's worst side – the sheer overabundance of "look." Not content with stopping at merely being inspired by Cyndi Lauper or Michael Jackson, they're throwing everything embarrassing and wrong with that decade into one gliterry, jumpsuit - excuse me, "onesie" - clad car crash of an ensemble.

How can we combat this? I can think of a few ways. First, please, have some pity for our retinas and look at yourself before you leave the house. If you find yourself wearing a neon pink, off-the-shoulder, sequined shirt-dress with shiny, shredded leggings, accessorized with a countless number of bangles, rings and necklaces, and your hair is styled into a side ponytail with some rad layering and bangs going on, please, think about it for a minute. Are you going to a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and/or Power Rangers party? If yes, make sure I get an invitation next time, you jerk. If no, try reeling it in by trimming off a couple thousand accessories. Take off your ever-present shades and see if you can handle looking at your outfit without them. If you still can't fathom anything about your outfit being wrong or tacky (probably on account of it having blinded you), throw yourself off a cliff, because you're hopeless.

Unfortunately, I think that the real solution is time. Trends come and go, and I'm sure that in a couple of years, these will be but a distant memory. The frustrating part will be having to constantly correct our children that no, that is not a picture of your grandmother from 1986, that's actually your mother from 2009 (God, can't you tell the difference?)

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How well do you know your instructors?



Ileah Midthun/Stoutonia

David Tank rocks out on his 12-string guitar at Open Mic night at The Underground.

Ileah Midthun
Staff Writer

When class is in session, the professors are supposed to be there; that's their job. But what do professors do in their free time? They do have lives outside of the classroom, which is sometimes hard to believe.

The final Open Mic Night of the school year took place on April 23. There were many different genres of music performed that night, including alternative rock, a keyboardist, a rapper and a rock group. One of the many acts was David Tank, an English professor here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Knowing Tank from class I would have thought that he would be playing something a little mellower, something like the acoustic guitar and singing softer music. He blew my expectations out of the water.

He played a wide variety of songs including Hard Day's Night by the Beatles, Gloria by Shadows of the Night, Eight Miles High, Tambourine Man and Mr. Spaceman by the Byrds and I'm Not Your Stepping Stone by the Monkeys. A couple of these songs were played for the first time ever on the guitar that he has only had for five weeks.

The guitar that he played was a Rickenbacker electric 12-string. This has been Tank's dream guitar since he was 14 years old and he finally has gotten it. He plays the acoustic guitar, the bass guitar (his favorite) and the trombone throughout high school and college. He has been involved with music his whole life.

Tank has been in a multitude of different kinds of bands. Some of these include the first band he was in when he was in ninth grade (a rock band), Herb Albert and Taiwana Brass Band, where he played the bass, rock and Motown band, and a country rock band named the Hey Lofters. The Hey Lofters mainly played in bars and stockyards, but also played the grand opening of a CB radio store where they played in the parking lot and the owner of the store broadcasted them over the CB waves to the truckers.

More recently, Tank has been a guitarist for the past four years for the Valley Gospel Choir in Eau Claire and has also played in the pit orchestra for different musical theaters. He has played in the pit orchestra for the Musical Theatre Guild in Chippewa Valley three different times. He also has a video on YouTube entitled "Hope is like a River." This is the most recent thing that he wrote and talked about his wife's struggles with Lou Gehrig's disease. He also wrote a book to accompany the song, entitled "River of Hope: My Journey with Kathy in Search of Healing from Lou Gehrig's disease." In addition to this song he has written about 35 or 40 original songs.

Tank said that ever since he saw The Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show as a young child, he knew he would be in a rock band. He has certainly achieved that goal, and quite a few times. He also said that teaching is a lot like being up on stage. "You get stage fright for both of them. The only difference between a classroom and being on stage is that when you're on stage it is a lot easier because your audience does not have a laptop open in front of them."

I would have never thought that Tank would have had such a background in music. It was fun and interesting to see the other side of the person that lectures to me three hours a week. It just goes to show that you can't judge a book by its cover.

May event

Everyone Orchestra

Andy Vogl
Staff Writer

Next Friday, May 8, Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts is proud to present Everyone Orchestra – a rotating cast of outstanding musicians conducted by founder Matt Butler.

The line-up of musicians includes Futureman (of bluegrass legends Bela Fleck & the Flecktones), Trevor Garrond (of Tea Leaf Green), Dan Lebowitz (of ALO), Matt Butler (of Hot Buttered Rum), plus member of Fat Maw Rooney and Chinese Fingertap.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Mabel Tainter Theater. Tickets are $17 in advance, $20 at the door. Be sure to bring your family and friends, this is one show you don't want to miss!

June event

Campout Roots

Andy Vogl
Staff Writer

With summer around the corner, many students are gearing up for "festival season." With the sun out and tents pulled out of storage, music festivals and camp outs are coming into full swing across the Midwest.

One of Wisconsin's larger music festivals this summer is Campout Roots: a folk festival hosted in Black River Falls. "Trampled by Turtles," an alternative bluegrass/folk quintuplet hailing from Duluth, MN, is headlining the festival.

The festival will be held at NCN North Campground on June 5-7. Tickets are $75 and can be bought online at http://www.campoutroots.com or at Buddha's LLC, located on 117 Main St., Menomonie, Wis.

The Wire Tap

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Events

Music at the Waterfront

Thursday, April 30
Snuckafoo
10 p.m.

Saturday, May 2
The Ragbirds
10 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5
Kinetix, 2nd Annual Funk Parade
10 p.m.

Thursday, May 7
Absolute Gruv
10 p.m.

Friday, May 8
The Histronic--Everyone Orchestra After Party
10 p.m.

Music/Events at the Stones Throw

Friday, May 1
Mayda
9:30 p.m.
$4

Friday, May 8
The Dweebs
Doors open 8 p.m. show at 9:30 p.m.
$10 advance, $12 at gate

Saturday, May 9
The Goddamn Pimps w/ The Skullcranes and 20 Dollar Love
9 p.m.
$6

Upcoming Album Releases

Tuesday, May 5

Ben Harper & Relentless 7
White LIes For Dark Times

Ziggy Marley
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	$255	$255	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue E	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Large upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	321 20th Avenue D	$350	$350	$350	$350	Sleeping room, includes utilities, W/D, great apartment	SR
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	$355	$355	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	EA
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	$365	$365	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	$370	$370	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	$385	$385	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, heat, parking, close to campus	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	$415	$415	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking, very nice	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	$420	$420	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	$435	$435	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	$445	$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	$485	$485	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	113 West Main Street	$360	$180	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Large living room, washer/dryer, parking, available 8/1/09	D
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	$550	$275	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
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3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	$480	$160	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	$585	$195	n/a	n/a	Cute house, W/D, nice location, close to campus, parking	H
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
4	2	1319 8th Street	$600	$150	n/a	n/a	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	$600	$150	n/a	n/a	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	1	1809 6th Street E	$700	$175	n/a	n/a	Nice, all new flooring, fresh paint, washer/dryer, parking	H
4	2	1515 6th Street E	$850	$213	n/a	n/a	Spacious house, W/D, parking, available August 1st	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	$700	$140	$900	$180	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	512 19th Avenue W	$750	$150	$950	$190	Large split-level, 2 living rooms, nice-sized rooms, parking	D
6	2	504 10th Street	$800	$133	$1,080	$180	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1321 9th Street	$1,000	$167	$1,200	$200	Big house, large rooms, garage and parking, great location	H
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	$1,000	$167	$1,250	$208	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	$1,200	$200	$1,445	$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	$895	$128	$1155	$165	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	$1,600	$229	$1,870	$267	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H

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"Alice in Wonderland" Silhouettes 2009



Kitty Cotten/Stoutonia

Models walk down the Silhouette's runway and pose to show off Marissa Bridges's fashion line.

Kitty Cotten
Staff Writer

"I'm really nervous and excited," Lauren Stark, a junior in the apparel design & development program, said about the annual Spring Silhouettes Fashion Show. On April 21, the Great Hall hosted the event filled with 80 designers and 100 models. As I chatted with Stark between her duties coordinating the show, models perfected their walk up and down the runway.

"It's a real student production," expressed Kathy Kujawa, fashion show advisor and apparel professor. All the models participating in the fashion show were "real women," said Kujawa.

"Any designer can fit a model 5 feet 10 inches and 110 lbs.," Kujawa continued. "It's a real challenge learning to fit real people." The designers are really challenged in the design, construction and fit of their garments, which builds them to become better designers, Kujawa explained.

Senior designer Marissa Bridges produced four unique looks despite the challenge of real-world models. "W" by Marissa Bridges was composed of tailored pencil skirts, blouse tops and pleat-inspired dresses. "I drew my inspiration from a pleated fabric I found in New York, and the colors in my prints," Bridges said. "The theme is 'modern women,' 'business professional' for a strong, independent woman."

When asked what the hardest part of the show was, Bridges replied, "When you come to the point when you just want to give up." Her solution: "I called my mom for motivation."

"I cried to my mom like 10 times," Bridges said about the struggles of designing and constructing numerous garments for the show. Besides the motivation from her mom, Bridges' passion and determination for designing is embedded in the ideas of making people feel good and confident about themselves.

Bridges' advice for the next batch of designers is "Don't be scared, it's what we will for" as designers.

Another senior in the apparel design & development program, Monica Magnan gave advice to next season's Silhouettes designers, "Get started as early as possible. You're going to have ideas and then you're going to change those ideas."

Magnan's ideas were inspired by a sari, which evolved into four vintage Indian themed garments named "Bali Chic."

Her biggest challenge in preparing for the show was constructing the pieces and then fitting each model. "The [apparel] classes really helped prepare me for the show."

The avant-garde finale of the show was solely inspired an "Alice and Wonderland" theme. "This year students really embraced the finale," said Kujawa in comparison to years past. Several pieces drifted down the runway, bringing to mind the crazy Mad Hatter, boisterous Queen of Hearts and the whimsical style of Alice.

Fashion feathers take flight in runway show and on campus



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Victoria Baller, a senior in Retail Merchandising and Management, models one of her feathered headbands.

Emily Janssen
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout has been subject to an increasing trend of feather headbands crowning the crowds on campus. A retail merchandising and management student on campus made this trend possible when she noticed an unsatisfied demand: the demand to take an everyday outfit and transform it into an alluring ensemble, without anyone having to break the bank.

Victoria Baller, a graduating senior at the UW-Stout, was struck with inspiration while working her Tuesday afternoon shift at The Niche. A shopper wearing a headband with an eye-catching array of feathers sprouting from just above one ear caught Baller's attention. After a genuine compliment from Baller, the shopper informed her that she could find the headband at Urban Outfitters.

"I went online later that night and saw that they were priced at $24!" Baller laughed and continued, "I'm poor though, so I decided instead to make my own." She began the endeavor by fashioning just one for herself, but with a little encouragement from the approving co-workers at The Niche, she focused her craftsmanship to be created and sold for the people in her community.

Thus began the recent phenomenon: fashionable fowl-wear at only $14.99, created in Baller's home and sold for the convenience of UW-Stout students at The Niche, the on-campus boutique run by retail students.

Though the role of entrepreneur is fairly new for Baller – the first unveiling of her headbands fell on the week after spring break – the feathers are fluttering off the racks. "We've sold eight out of the nine headbands that I originally brought in and I have a new batch just about ready for retail," detailed an enthusiastic Baller. It usually takes between 10-15 minutes to put one headband together with an image in her head of what she wants the piece to look like, but when she is indecisive she asserts it can take over an hour. A lot of time and hard work is set aside for this production.



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Models Jessica Soderlund, Victoria Baller, Tara Bartolomeo and Bekah Johnson pose in Jessica Soderlund's fashion line that was shown in the fashion show.

Baller is glad to bring satisfaction to her customers, including Jessica Soderlund, a designer for the Silhouettes Fashion Show, who bought the headbands to be featured on each of her models this year. Baller, who was one of Soderlund's four models in the Silhouettes show, was wearing one of her headbands when Soderlund hit on the idea to include the bands as an accessory to her own line. "I chose to use the headbands in the show because they were unique and original and went with my theme of feather trims for my studio line," said Soderlund. "I was amazed at the detail and individuality of each one." Soderlund also enjoys supporting and promoting student-made items.

In this supportive campus community, Baller has enjoyed this new creative endeavor but is unsure of what efforts she will be making to continue in the future. When asked of her future goals for the product, Baller replied, "I'm considering selling them on eBay but that comes with a whole new set of problems." I suppose her enthusiasts will just have to wait and see what Baller decides to come up with next.

A Silhouettes exclusive | Behind the scenes of two designers



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Models Jessica Idso, Chelsea Ademino, Leslie Barlow and Stephenie Fisher pose for a picture dressed in Claire Ruskey's fashioin line.

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

Ever wondered how designers come up with their brilliant ideas and put together a line of clothes? After interviewing some designers on some of the simple things, it's clear that some people were given the gift of creativity of design.

Designer Name: Claire Ruskey
Year in school: Senior

Favorite color: I love them all! Probably more yellows, oranges and pinks.
Where do you get your inspiration?
Everything around me inspires me. Traveling is my number one inspiration, though. When you see something for the first time, like a painting you've only seen in art books or a sculpture you had never imagined the actual size of, it is just so inspiring to me. It takes your breath away, and in the end it can inspire you without actually knowing it. The more I look at my line and the overall styling, the more I realize how much it reminds me of the area my flat was in when I studied abroad in London Borough of Camden which was this great area that was so punk and full of all sorts of groups of people more musical, goth, indie, everything! I loved it and the more I look at my collection I see bits of it that bring me back to those memories.
How long have you been designing and making clothes?
I've been designing since I was young, probably started making clothes more in middle school and high school.
How do you think up a new design?
I usually have to find a fabric or a color palette first and then I can come up with something. I only look to online runway shows for more shapes than the actual design. I focus on what is 'in' and then give it my own twist.
What made you interested in fashion?
Ever since I was little I really enjoyed dress up and clothes. I would always get in trouble for changing eight times a day and wearing my mom's shoes. I would cut off arms of my sweaters to make leg warmers in high school. When it came to the decision of choosing a major I just kind of took a shot in the dark starting apparel design (it was more of a hobby in the beginning), then along the way I realized it wasn't a superficial career path, but a great way to make people feel as beautiful on the outside as they do inside.
What was your favorite class in your major?
I probably learned the most in Portfolio Development. After doing tons of projects you need to figure out what you really want to do and portfolio helps each student find their niche and really explore their strengths and improve their weaknesses. I learned the most about myself in that class.
Have you participated in UW-Stout's fashion show previously?
No, this was my first and last time.
How many pieces did you have in the show this year?
I had four pieces in the show.
How long did you work on those pieces?
I started in February making patterns. I did three prototypes per garment in muslin and then started in final fabric.
Describe the pieces you had in the show:
My pieces were cocktail dresses. The dresses were more about dimension and shape and flattering the female form. All were strapless, and fitted along the torso and had skirts with a bit more volume. The fabrics were so important to me. I found a vintage fabric when I was shopping around my home town and bought it and knew I would use it for studio. I also got some magenta silk and black satin, a great citron-colored lace embellishment, and the very last addition was the leopard print.
What was the theme to your line?
What was it: Hmm…I still have been trying to figure out my theme. The dresses were styled to be more punk with the leggings and jewelry.
What is your most favorite piece you had in the show?
It is too hard to pick from my collection. I really don't like any one alone- the group together is more powerful to me.
Where did you intern/plan on interning:?
I am currently communicating with a designer in New York- Adam Lippes, and hopefully will go out there later this week and interview!
What are your future career plans?
I would like to get to New York and work for a designer. Eventually design, maybe textile design, and of course I would want my own line in the end. Later in life I'd like to have a boutique with some of my own work as well as other designs.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Models Kathryn Loizzo, Emily Smith-Earley, Hannah Spies, Marissa Bridges and Bailey Miller are pictured here in Hannah Spies's line.

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

Designer Name: Hannah Spies
Year in school: Senior

Favorite color: It's too hard to ask a design major their favorite color!
Where do you get your inspiration?
My favorite inspiration is usually unique fabric or works of art that have unusual shapes and colors.
What made you interested in fashion?
When I was in the third grade I realized I looked at clothing differently than many of my friends. I would stand in front of the mirror and pull at my clothing pretending what it would look like with a bigger neckline or tighter sleeves etc. I was also very interested in art and color. I didn't figure out that apparel design was something you could do for a life job until high school age and since then have followed my heart to where I am today.
How long have you been designing/ making clothes?
Since freshman year of high school.
What was your favorite class in your major?
My favorite class was Studio Design and my second favorite was Interpersonal Effectiveness with Molly Welch-Deal.
Have you participated in UW-Stout's fashion show previously?
Yes, this year and last year I put pieces in the show. Last year I was one of three coordinators of the fashion show.
How many pieces did you have in the show this year?
I had four full outfits and seven pieces total.
How long did you work on those pieces?
The whole process started in the beginning of first semester.
Describe the pieces you had in the show?
This year I knitted four white dresses with embellishments of cables and pleats.
What is your favorite piece you have designed?
All of the knitwear I have designed and made has been my favorite. It is such an emotional process to construct a garment from head to toe, putting all you have into something. The knitwear has been the hardest for me to create and is also my favorite.
Was there a theme to your line? What was it?
The name of my line was Kaethe (KAY-TAH) Hahn. It was named after my grandmother and was made to inspire women to stay strong and look beautiful.
How long does it usually take you to complete, for example, a shirt from start to finish?
A basic T-shirt would take around three hours to make from start to finish, but a basic T-shirt is very basic and not hard to make at all. Many detailed pieces can take much, much longer.
How do you normally think up a new design?
One thing will inspire me. I look to magazines and historic garments to find inspiration. Once I find something I like, I design a piece and then design off of that piece, as well as continuing to look for inspiration.
Where did you intern?
I interned at Target headquarters doing technical design for women's intimates.
What are your future career plans?
I hope to move around and end up in New York; however, as of now, I have no job prospective lined up.

To be "17 Again" | Seems like it was just yesterday...

A.J. Forst and Katie Lucas
Staff Writers

Middle-aged man Mike O'Donnell (Matthew Perry), who is about to be divorced and whose kids have grown away from him, is unhappy with how his life turned out. He dreams of the good old days in high school when his life was perfect. The opening scene shows the day when everything changed: he had to decide between a basketball scholarship and marrying his girlfriend. He chose the girl, and resented her ever since. He ended up working a crappy job and lost all hope.

While he waits to pick up his kids at his old high school, staring into the trophy case at all of his basketball accomplishments, a mysterious janitor asks if he'd like a chance to have a do-over. He says he would, and through a series of events stereotypical to this type of movie, he suddenly is 17 again.

With the help of his nerdy best friend, he decides he'll join the basketball team again and go for the scholarship he could have gotten years before. However, when he sees his kids at school and the situations they face and interacts with his ex-wife without having to argue with her because of his clever disguise, he realizes this is his opportunity to help them and hopefully fix his relationships.

A.J.: Though this movie seemed like it was going to be for 13-year-old girls obsessed with Zac Efron, it actually seems to be for two audiences: those girls, as well as their parents. It's the strangest combination of audiences possible, since 13-year-olds usually hate their parents and are determined not to enjoy any of the same things, but somehow this movie manages it. Everybody in-between might be lost as to the entertainment value of the movie, but the good news is that non-Zac Efron fans can enjoy it.

It was a very sentimental sort of movie, about being given a second chance in life and enjoying what you are given. It has many good elements: heart, humor, a scene where Efron busts out the leather jacket and supercar to be the new cool guy in school.

To me, this movie was more sentimental and for an older audience who want to see something light-hearted, but the teenage girls around us may have had a different opinion and enjoyed Efron shirtless and showing how decent of a guy he is. If you have a younger sister who wants to see it for Efron, or just want to see a good-natured movie, don't hesitate to go to it. Surprisingly, it was one of the better ones I've seen all school year.
8.2/10

Katie: The premise of the movie wasn't anything new, but it did a pretty good job of keeping things interesting. I couldn't relate to either of the audiences the movie was intended for, but it was very heart-warming and had a good moral.

The nerdy best friend, played by Thomas Lennon who is best known for his role in Reno 911!, was what made the movie worth watching. He was hilarious and had some one-liners that will surely be repeated by teens across the country.

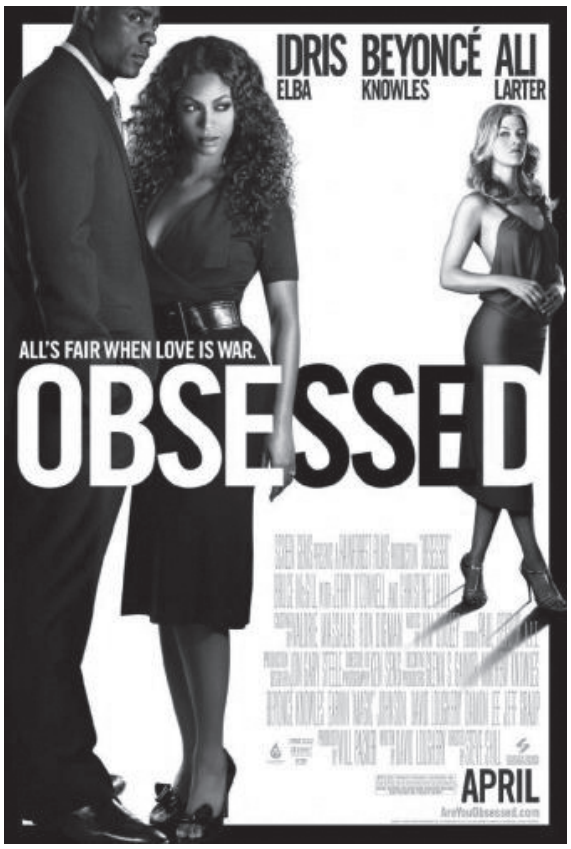
While I like Matthew Perry as an actor, a different choice to play the older Mike O'Donnell character would have been better; ideally Rob Lowe, who, I think, looks almost identical to Zac Efron. The transitions between young Mike and old Mike were so farfetched that they threw me off and I started concentrating on all their differences rather than what was happening in the movie.

Overall, the movie was pretty good, but I wouldn't go to see it with a group of friends. Instead, take your niece.
7/10



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More than love, more than lust, it was an obsession



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A successful businessman or lawyer or something (Idris Elba) is assigned a hot new temp (Ali Larter) to replace his non-threatening gay guy, and his wife (Beyonce Knowles) immediately becomes jealous and wants her fired. He assures her he didn't have a choice in her hiring and will get rid of her as soon as possible. However, he is just too charming, and the woman becomes obsessed with him. His wife thinks it's his fault and he must have led her on, and he lies to her about the whole situation. Their marriage begins to deteriorate, much to the delight of crazy temp, and Elba's character must get rid of crazy temp and repair the damage she caused to his relationship with his wife.

A.J.: Instead of a suspenseful thriller, like the advertisements portrayed it, this was a Lifetime special on the big screen. It was less about crazy temp and more about trust and jealousy and couples sticking together through the rough times. It sucked just as much as it sounds. Dealing with this kind of crap is bad enough in real life without paying $8 to watch other people deal with it.

The husband was stupid and dominated by his bitchy wife, which made me not like either one of them. He lies to her for no reason, and she tells him to leave "her" house (the one for which he paid). She has absolutely no trust in him, so it's not surprising he'd be unwilling to tell her things that could be construed as his fault. That being said, he could have grown a set of balls and stopped fearing her every reaction.

It isn't even remotely thrilling, and barely suspenseful. Crazy temp doesn't even wield a knife or bat at any point (though I could have missed it while I was contemplating how pathetic the London Square theater of Eau Claire was). Only the most die-hard "Sex and the City" fans should even consider seeing this movie, but even most of them will be disappointed that only the relationship drama remains and not the cute shoes, girl talk and herpes.

The only thing that kept this movie from being a complete disaster was the acting and the overall quality. Beyonce did a good job in her role, as did Elba, though Larter was nothing special. The sets were nice enough, and with a decent script, the same filmmakers could have made something decent, but ultimately the story was just boring and somewhat annoying.
2/10

Katie: This movie was very safe, very slow and very predictable. There was nothing in it that set it apart from other stalker movies: no boiled bunnies or stilletos stabbed through eyes here. Without any suspense or exciting plot twists, this movie won't stick in the minds of viewers for very long. It did have a truly horrifying moment during the cat fight near the end. The glare that Larter gave Beyonce sent shivers down my spine, but other than that half-second of good acting, nothing stood out in the movie.

The relationship between Beyonce and Elba's characters wasn't perfect, but nobody's relationship is and that's what made it believable. Yes, Beyonce was jealous for no reason and yes, Elba lied when it wasn't necessary, but that was the backbone of the movie. It wouldn't have been as interesting if they were a perfect couple; relationship drama is needed because that's what viewers are interested in.

I wouldn't go as far as to say that Beyonce's acting was good, but she did alright considering she is a singer. She had a couple of one-liners that were meant to be clever but came across as annoying and ridiculous.
3/10

Womens' softball team back to winning ways

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As the season progresses, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball team seems to have hit its stride winning six of its past eight games. This run of success comes after a stretch where the team lost 10 of 12 games, which put it near the cellar of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings.

The turnaround started with a double-header against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneers in Platteville, Wis. Defense was the key for the Blue Devils behind a complete game effort on the mound from junior pitcher Kristy Hoffman in the first game.

She allowed only one run and struck out five in her seven innings of work, improving her record to 6-6 on the season. Hoffman received good run support from freshman infielder Sammy Peterson, who batted three of the team's six total runs. UW-Stout won the game 6-1.

Hoffman brought her dominance on the mound to the batter's box in the second game against the Pioneers. As the designated hitter, she went 3-3 with two runs batted-in, accounting for half of the team's total production. The Blue Devils were again able to keep the Pioneers in check winning the game 4-2, keeping UW-Platteville in very last place in the WIAC.

The next day UW-Stout played yet another double-header against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles. UW-La Crosse dominated the Blue Devils in both games. UW-Stout only recorded four hits in the two games; they were handed back-to-back losses as they were outscored 16-0 in the series.



Layne Pitt/Sports information director
The UW-Stout softball team has changed their losing tendencies with four quick victories over Carleton College and UW-Superior.

The fifth straight road series for UW-Stout came against the University of Wisconsin-Superior. The Blue Devils hit a little over .200 as a team, but the hits that they had were timely and produced runs. Freshman outfielder Kat Nelson from Chippewa Falls, Wis. led the way with her two RBI's. Hoffman pitched well yet again and freshman Laura Vanderhoof relieved her and retired every batter she faced. UW-Stout won the game 6-4.

The bats came alive early in the second game. Three different batters knocked in multiple runs, including Senior Nelly Peterson from Cumberland, Wis., who went 4-5 at the plate. The brisk weather was no match for UW-Stout as they exploded for 11 runs in the second game and swept UW-Superior.

The Blue Devils came back to Menomonie to face another Minnesotan opponent, Carleton College. Nelly Peterson continued to make the most of her senior season as she added four more RBIs in the two games. Hoffman made the start in the first game and pitched all seven innings allowing only six hits.

The win put her over .500 on the year. Vanderhoof took the reins on the mound, allowing only three hits and one earned run in the Blue Devils 5-1 victory. The win propelled Vanderhoof's record to 8-5 on the year and was the fourth win in a row for the Blue Devils.

The home stand continued against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers. Nelson accounted for the two runs that the Blue Devils scored, but the Pointers went off for seven runs in the fourth inning handing UW-Stout an 8-2 loss and ending the four-game winning streak. The second game was a much closer affair.

Freshman Sam Sarna from Buffalo, Minn. hit her first career triple in the sixth inning knocking in a run that proved to be the game winner. The split series against the Pointers put the Blue Devils at 19-19 on the year which is good enough to earn them the sixth seed in the WIAC tournament. They will play the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Friday, May 1.

2009 NFL Draft | Predictable picks & head-scratching selections

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The 2009 NFL draft held many surprises even draft gurus couldn't foresee. Detroit's expected selection of former Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford as the first overall selection was predictable, but Oakland's head-scratching selection of wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey seventh overall shocked the National Football League world.

The reoccurring theme that has developed in the draft is the selection of offensive tackles within the top 10 picks of the draft. This year three offensive tackles went in the top 10. Baylor's Jason Smith was selected second overall, Alabama's Andre Smith sixth overall and Virginia's Eugene Monroe eighth overall.

Having unintentionally broken an NFL record, Detroit's regular season standing of 0-16 was more than enough to merit the first pick in the 2009 NFL draft. Their intentions were to address the direst need on offensive, starting with who was under center. As of right now, Daunte Culpepper looks to be the impending starter, but if he falters, seeing Stafford as the starter midway through the season may become a reality.

The Lions again tried to assess their struggling offense by drafting this year's top tight end prospect in Oklahoma State's Brandon Pettigrew. Pettigrew isn't renowned as a burner but he has all the intangibles to become a solid NFL tight end. The Lions' remaining picks consisted of a second round, two third round, a fourth round, a sixth round and three seventh round picks.

Their selections in order where: safety Louis Delmas (Western Michigan), outside linebacker DeAndre Levy (Wisconsin), wide receiver Derrick Williams (Penn State), defensive tackle Sammie Lee Hill (Stillman), running back Aaron Brown (TCU), offensive tackle Lydon Murtha (Nebraska), outside linebacker Zack Follett (California) and tight end Dan Gronkowski (Maryland).

The Green Bay Packers transition from a 4-3 defense to a 3-4 defense is bound to experience some growing pains. To minimize these pains, they selected this year's top defensive tackle in Boston College's B.J. Raji. He will primarily play as a nose tackle but is fully capable of handling both systems.

To help strengthen this defensive transformation, Green Bay again selected a defensive player with their second first round pick of the draft. Although they are aging at cornerback, the Packers decided to select University Southern California's outside linebacker Clay Matthews. The rest of Green Bay's draft consisted of a fourth round, two fifth round, two sixth round and a seventh round pick. Their selections in order were: offensive tackle T.J. Lang (Eastern Michigan), fullback Quinn Johnson (LSU), offensive tackle Jamon Meredith (South Carolina), defensive end Jarius Wynn (Georgia), cornerback Brandon Underwood (Cincinnati) and outside linebacker Brad Jones (Colorado).

The Minnesota Vikings took arguably the biggest boom or bust player in wide receiver Percy Harvin from Florida. Harvin was initially "red flagged" due to a failed drug test at the NFL combine where he allegedly tested positive for marijuana. His potential is undeniable but his size and durability issues may cause some concern at the NFL level.

With their second selection, the Vikings tried to solidify the right side of their offensive line by selecting Oklamhoma's offensive tackle Phil Loadholt. Former second round pick, Ryan Cook, has become a liability at right tackle and may be replaced by Loadholt. With Bryant McKinnie on the left and Phil Loadholt on right, the Vikings could potentially have the two biggest (starting) offensive tackles in the NFL. The Vikings remaining draft picks consisted of a third round pick, a fifth round pick and a seventh round pick. Their selections in order were: cornerback Asher Allen (Georgia), inside linebacker Jasper Brinkley (South Carolina) and safety Jamarca Sanford (Ole Miss).

The Chicago Bears sacrificed this year's first round draft pick and their 2010 first round pick to obtain former Denver Broncos gunslinger, Jay Cutler. Although an offensive threat may be lacking in Chicago's immediate offensive scheme, productivity at the quarterback position will definitely be evident this season. The Bears' first pick of the draft came in the third round when they selected San Jose State defensive tackle Jarron Gilbert. Gilbert has played both defensive end and defensive tackle in his stint at college. His aggressiveness seems to be his biggest knock but could eventually get playing time if he steps up his level of play.

The Bears attempted to give Cutler an impact player by selecting Oklahoma wide receiver Juaquin Iglesias at the end of the third round. He wasn't the fastest receiver in the draft but could make a difference with his possession reception skills. The Bears' remaining draft picks consisted of two fourth round picks, two fifth round, a six round and two seventh round picks.

Their selections in order were: defensive end Henry Melton (Texas), cornerback D.J. Moore (Vanderbilt), wide receiver Johnny Knox (Abilene Christian), outside linebacker Marcus Freeman (Ohio State), safety Al Afalava (Oregon State), tight end Lance Louis (San Diego State) and wide receiver Derek Kinder (Pittsburgh).

Rough spring weather slows baseball schedule

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Staff Writer

As if the challenge of building a cohesive unit with a young roster wasn't hard enough, Mother Nature hasn't been willing to make the Blue Devils' baseball team lives any easier. Two games were cancelled and another postponed as winter has shown it isn't going away without a fight. When they were able to take the field, the Blue Devils continued to show signs of progress as they battled their way through a tough conference.

Over the past two weeks, nine games were slated for action but due to the cancellation of games at Lawrence and St. Thomas along with the postponement of the Whitewater game, the University of Wisconsin-Stout was able to go 2-4 with their remaining games. Following their blowout losses to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the Blue Devils traveled back to Stevens Point to finish out their season series with the Pointers.

In game one of the doubleheader UW-Stout jumped out to a 7-0 lead before slowly allowing the Pointers back in the game. The bullpen made it close but the Blue Devils were able to hold on to win 8-6. Nate Hanson showed that his last outing of 10.1 innings had no effect on his endurance as he threw six innings to pick up the victory. Dane Carlson had a breakout game as his bat production produced five RBIs. In game two, the teams played at a very competitive level but in the end the Pointers got the hits when it mattered as they won a close one 5-3. Matt Doornink was saddled with a loss in game two but he showed improvement as he has dramatically reduced his walked batters, which result in fewer runners on base and lead to less opposition runs scored.



Layne Pitt/Sports information director
The Blue Devils baseball team has been playing well recently, winning four of their last six games. Their most recent wins came from UW-Superior when they won both games in the doubleheader.

The next WIAC opponent on the calendar was a doubleheader with last place the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Their trip to the north shore didn't go as planned as the Yellowjackets stole a sweep of the series winning 11-5 and 6-1. If the early part of the season represented struggles in pitching, the second half in representing an inability to hit with runners on base and runners in scoring position.

The first game saw the offense cranked out 12 hits that turned into 13 runners stranded. Despite three errors, the Yellowjackets offense was efficient in their game one victory. Nate Hanson took the loss after 4.2 innings with eight hits and eight earned runs. In game two, the offense wasn't able to come alive to give starter Russ Jiskra run support. Jiskra was able to put together a solid outing despite the loss as he fanned 10 Superior batters along his six innings of play.

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater came to town with the second best record in the WIAC so this contest would prove to be a nice measuring stick for the seasons progress. From the onset of game one, Doornink took his team and carried them to victory for his second complete game of the season. Going hard for the Blue Devils were Brian Giebel and Greg Smolinski, while Brandon O'Connell collected 4 RBIs and went three for five at the plate to help secure the 9-5 victory. Doornink had a 9-2 lead with two outs in the ninth before giving up a three-run blast and a double before settling down to induce the game-ending pop fly.

Game two had all the ingredients for a slugfest as UW-Whitewater lead 4-3 after only the first inning. The game remained close all the way until the seventh inning when the Warhawks were able to come up with three runs that essentially iced the game with a final score of 8-4.

After a day off due to inclement weather, the two teams resumed the four game series Monday afternoon in Menomonie. Upon seeing his teammate pitch a complete game and help his team to victory, freshman pitcher Ethan Smallbrook didn't want to be left out of the fun and pitched a gem of a game, allowing only one run on eight hits. The victory was the first at the collegiate level for Smallbrook. Providing run support for the Blue Devils was Smolinski who plated three runners and launched a solo bomb in the fifth inning. In game two the 24th ranked Warhawks showed why they are among the top 25 teams in Division III. Before receiving an at bat, UW-Stout found itself facing a 4-0 deficit and from there UW-Whitewater kept their foot on the gas. The Warhawks accounted for three long balls with the last of them being a 10 run rule-inducing grand slam.



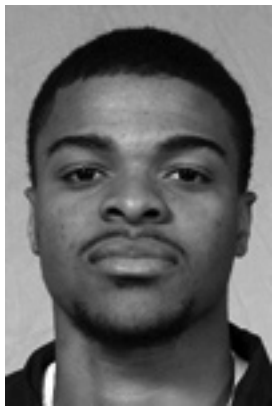
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The UW-Stout baseball team recently had numerous games cancelled due to weather conditions. Games on April 19 and April 20 were both cancelled.

The Blue Devils will close out their season on a road trip as they head back to UW-Superior and then travel down to UW-La Crosse for a two day series to wrap up the regular season schedule.

Kendall Wade

This sprinter/jumper is a junior business major from Milwaukee, Wis. In his spare time Wade enjoys cooking, playing football, bowling, fishing and playing video games. In 2008, Wade was named the University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's track athlete of the year.





On April 25, Wade won four individual events to lead UW-Stout at the Drake Alternate at Gustavus Adolphus College. He won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.20, the 200 with a time of 22.21, the 110-hurdles at 15.67 and the long jump with 21′ 4.25″.

UW-Stout finished in second in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:30.83 and also placed second in the 4x800 with a time of 8:37.40.

The UW-Stout men's track and field team will participate in the WIAC Outdoor Championships on May 1 at noon. The tournament will be held in Oshkosh, Wis.

What 2 Watch 4

upcoming sporting events

- **April 30:**
  Women's tennis at Bethel University at 4:30 p.m.
- **May 1:**
  Men's golf at Edgewood Tournament.
  Men's/women's track and field at WIAC Outdoor Championships.
  Women's softball at WIAC Tournament vs. UW-Oshkosh.
- **May 2:**
  Men's baseball at UW-La Crosse at Noon.
  Men's/women's track and field at WIAC Outdoor Championships.
  Women's golf at Blugold Spring Invite at Noon.
- **May 3:**
  Men's baseball at UW-La Crosse at Noon.
  Women's golf at Bluegold Sprint Invite at 9 a.m.
- **May 6:**
  Milwaukee Brewers (away) against Cincinnati at 6:10 p.m.
  Minnesota Twins (away) against Baltimore at 6:05 p.m.
- **May 7:**
  Milwaukee Brewers (away) against Cincinnati at 6:10 p.m.
  Minnesota Twins (away) against Baltimore at 6:05 p.m.
- **May 8:**
  Men's/women's track and field at Minnesota Open, TBA.
- **May 9:**
  Men's/women's track and field at Madison Twilight at 4 p.m.
- **May 10:**
  Milwaukee Brewers (home) against Chicago Cubs at 1:05 p.m.
  Minnesota Twins (home) against Seattle at 1:10 p.m.
- **May 12:**
  Milwaukee Brewers (home) against Florida at 7:05 p.m.
  Minnesota Twins (home) against Detroit at 7:10 p.m.
- **May 13:**
  Milwaukee Brewers (home) against Florida at 7:05 p.m.
  Minnesota Twins (home) against Detroit at 7:10 p.m.

Paintball team places 8th at Florida tournament

Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout paintball club recently performed in the paintball nationals which took place in Lakeland, Fla. on April 17-19. The tournament was hosted by Central Florida Paintball. The team roster that participated in the event consisted of Chris Davis, Luke Haugen, Joey Nagle, Shawn Nagle and Mike Steinbrink. Haugen couldn't participate in the event due to being hospitalized so Garrett Guntly filled in.

But before explaining how UW-Stout did, you must first know how to play the game. Paintball tournaments are played with a point system. Teams receive points for flagpoles and flag hangs.

In an interview with Shawn Nagle, he explained, "There is a flag in the center of the field; the first team to grab the flag cleanly, i.e. without paint on them, gets 30 points. There is only one flagpole per game." There is also a flag hang, which is the overall objective of the game. A flag hang is when a player returns the flag to the opponent's side of the field. It is worth 40 points. When a flag hang occurs, the game is over.

When the game concludes, teams receive four points for every "live" player remaining. For every dead player on the other team, your team receives two points. Teams start with five players and there is a maximum of a 100-point limit. When the game starts, players begin from a "dead box." When they get shot, they have to return to that "dead box" and wait until the game has concluded.

UW-Stout has participated in the National Collegiate Paintball Association for three years. When they initially entered the tournament they were ranked in eighth place in the nation. The team's initial strategic plan is to have two players on both sides and one player in the middle. UW-Stout finished 7-2 in the preludes which was good enough to get them a bye for the first round.

UW-Stout put up a valiant effort, finishing in eighth place out of 53 teams that competed in the event. The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater team finished first, Texas A&M took second and fourth place went to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. UW-Stout ended up playing three of the top four finishers after preliminary elimination.

About the club: It originated in the '97/'98 academic year. Team members started participating in the NCPA competitions three years ago, but this was the first season that they played all of the tournaments in the Midwest. Shawn Nagle said, "We have our members pay for a membership fee that lets them come to our outdoor practices with entry, air and their first 500 paintballs paid for by the club. We also play reball, paintless paintballs, in the MPR during the fall and winter. We also help our tournament players afford to play by paying for some of the entry for NCPA events. Our club currently has 45 members."



On April 17-19 the UW-Stout paintball club participated in the Lakeland Florida tournament. Going into the tournament they were ranked eighth nationally. Out of 53 teams that participated in the event, UW-Stout finished in eighth place.

Garrett Guntly/Contributing photographer

Some of you may have seen them practicing in the Multi-Purpose Recreation room. When they do practice in the MPR, they use all of their normal paintball gear. They have their own compressed air on campus with scuba tanks for filling their CO2 tanks. They have paintball guns for people to use if they don't have their own equipment. When practicing in the MPR they use balls called Reball.

They are rubber balls the size of a paint ball without paint. They call them Reball because it is a reusable ball. Tournaments are played at 300 feet per second, but when practicing indoors with Reballs, they turn the speed down to 230 FPS. The velocity change is similar to that of the speed of a paintball.

The UW-Stout paintball club is currently ranked 10th in the nation. To find out more information about the club or how to join, e-mail Shawn Nagle at nagles@uwstout.edu.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Blue Devil Baseball

Record: 18-14

On April 27, UW-Stout's Ethan Smallbrook pitched a complete game and picked up his first collegiate win as the Blue Devils defeated UW-Whitewater 6-1 in the opening game. Smallbrook struck out four and walked two in his outing. Unfortunately, UW-Stout fell in the second game as the Warhawks came back to win 13-3 in eight innings. On April 29, the Blue Devils trailed most of the game but somehow found the offense to make a come-from-behind win, beating UW-Superior 8-7.

Next game: (away) against UW-La Crosse on May 2 at noon.

Men's Track & Field

On April 17, Jon Wolff and Daniel Drewek both placed first in the 4x100-relay at the Phil Esten Invitational and set a new school record. On April 25, Kendall Wade won four events at the Drake Alternative. He finished the day winning the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.20, the 200-meter dash at 22.21, the 110-hurdles at 15.67 and the long jump at 21' 4.25". On April 28, Drewek was again named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference field athlete of the week. Drewek received the award after his Division III provisional qualifying pole vault height of 16 feet, 0.75 inches.

Next meet: (away) at the WIAC Outdoor Championship in Oshkosh, Wis. on Friday, May 1 at noon.

Blue Devil Softball

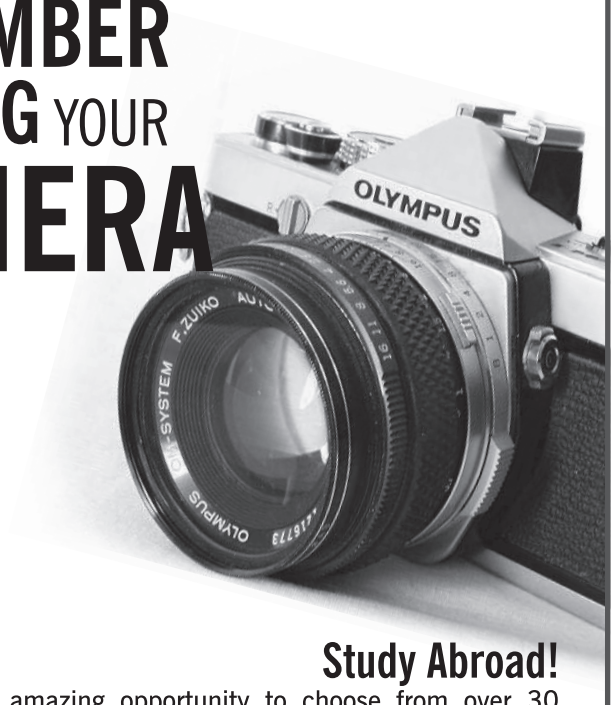
Record: 19-19

The UW-Stout women's softball team has changed its ways, winning five of its last six games. On April 23, UW-Stout's Nelly Peterson got two runs batted in during each of the two games. She scored two runs, one by stealing home in the first game, as UW-Stout defeated Carleton College 4-2 in the first game and 5-1 in the second. On April 28, UW-Stout's Sam Sarna hit a triple into right field that scored the game-winning run to defeat UW-Stevens Point 5-4 in the second game. The first game UW-Stevens Point defeated the Blue Devils 8-2. The Blue Devils will not play in the WIAC Tournament on May 1-3. UW-Stout is the third seed in the tournament.

Next game: at the WIAC Tournament vs. UW-Oshkosh on Friday, May 1 at 10 a.m.

UW-Stout's Kendall Wade won four events at the Drake Alternative, men's baseball get two big wins over UW-Superior on April 29, women's softball team back to their winning ways

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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				30 **Resumé and Letter Writing Workshop** 2:30 p.m. and 4:40 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building **STOUTNIC 2009** 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Commons Lawn **"Secret Wars, Deeper Truths" presented by Brian Thao Worra** 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cedarwood, Maplewood, and Oakwood Rooms, MSC **Survive the Drive with Linden** 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC **Tennis** 4:30 p.m. Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn.	**01** **Softball** WIAC Tournament in Superior, Wis. **Men's Golf** Edgewood Tournament in Madison, Wis. **Men's and Women's Track and Field** Noon WIAC Outdoor Championships in Oshkosh, Wis. **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts	**02** **Softball** WIAC Tournament in Superior, Wis. **Men's and Women's Track and Field** 9 a.m. WIAC Outdoor Championships in Oshkosh, Wis. **"Cultural Festival: Embracing Our Similarities"** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. MSC **Trip to The Festival of Nations, and Como Park and Conservatory** Cost: $12 Leave: 9:30 a.m. from MSC by the Pawn Be back at 4 p.m. **Women's Golf** Noon Blugold Spring Invite in Eau Claire, Wis. **Baseball** Noon UW-La Crosse in La Crosse, Wis.
03 **Softball** WIAC Tournament in Superior, Wis. **Women's Golf** 9 a.m. Blugold Spring Invite in Eau Claire, Wis. **Baseball** Noon UW-La Crosse in La Crosse, Wis.	**04**	**05** **Ethics Symposium** 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC	**06**	**07** **Lucy Michelle and the Velvet Lapelles** 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC **Softball** NCAA Regionals	**08** *Last Day of Classes* **"Spring Move Out" Collection Event** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Parking lot across from Applied Arts **Softball** NCAA Regionals **Men's and Women's Track and Field** Minnesota Open in Minneapolis, Minn.	**09** **Spring 2009 Commencement** 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Johnson Fieldhouse **Graduation Buffet 2009** AM Buffet - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PM Buffet - 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: $11.95 Great Hall, MSC **Men's and Women's Track and Field** 4 p.m. Madison Twilight in Madison, Wis. **Softball** NCAA Regionals
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